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87. ADRENALINE-FUELED DEATH WISH

YOU WANT TO BE ...

...A H-

HERO ...

...IN A DO-OVER WORLD.

YEAH, IT'S A STORY ABOUT ME GOING BACK IN TIME AND BE-COMING A...

...THE MAIN CHAR-ACTER?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO ACT? IT'LL JUST BE EMBARRASSING FOR THE AUDIENCE IF YOU TRY TO FORCE IT.

GUH!

UH!

BUT YOU CAN'T SING OR DANCE FOR CRAP.

I CAN DO IT IF I TRY... I THINK...

I-

DO YOU WANT ATTENTION THAT BADLY?

WE'RE HERE TO CHEER ON THE DRAMA CLUB, MAMURA. HOW IS GIVING YOU THE LIMELIGHT SUPPOSED TO HELP US DO THAT?

I DIDN'T WRITE SOME SELF-INSERT STORY JUST FOR ATTENTION! I DID IT TO... TO...

NO! ...

THEY DON'T TRUST ME AT ALL!

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE.

GRRRR

ムカ

I WANT SO MUCH ATTEN-TION!

OH YEAH!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LET SOME PRETTY BOY PLAY THE LEAD!

AFTER ALL, EVERY GUY DREAMS OF BEING THE HERO!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO STAND IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT LEAST ONCE IN MY LIFE!

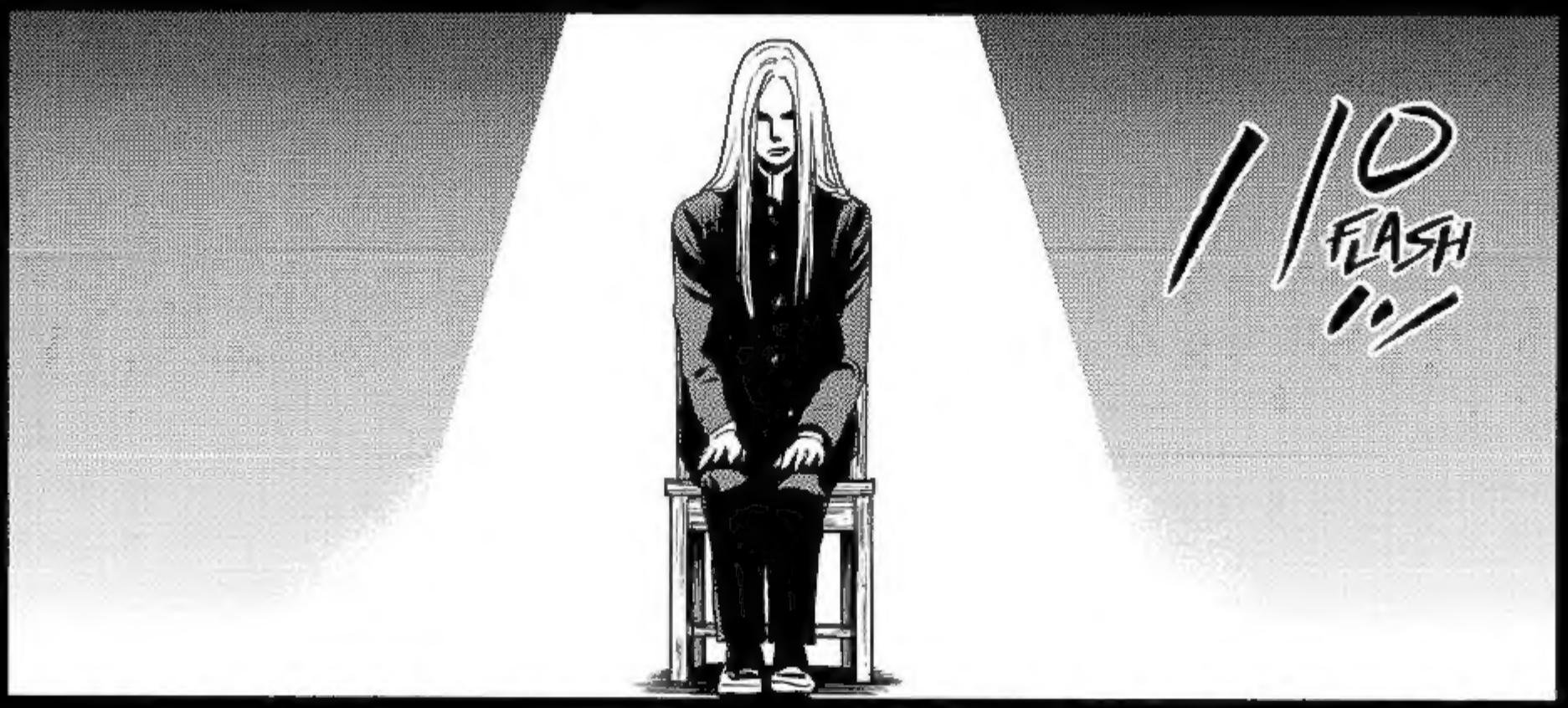
WA HA!

WOO HOO!

I DIE 90: TH ICAL
HUUUSH

NOW I REALLY DO FEEL LIKE I WANT TO DIE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO BLUSTER LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME!
THE ANXIETY OF ATTENTION-SEEKING WITHOUT ANY TALENT TO MERIT IT IS MORE INTENSE THAN I IMAGINED!

FLIP
HMM...
A "DO-OVER," HUH?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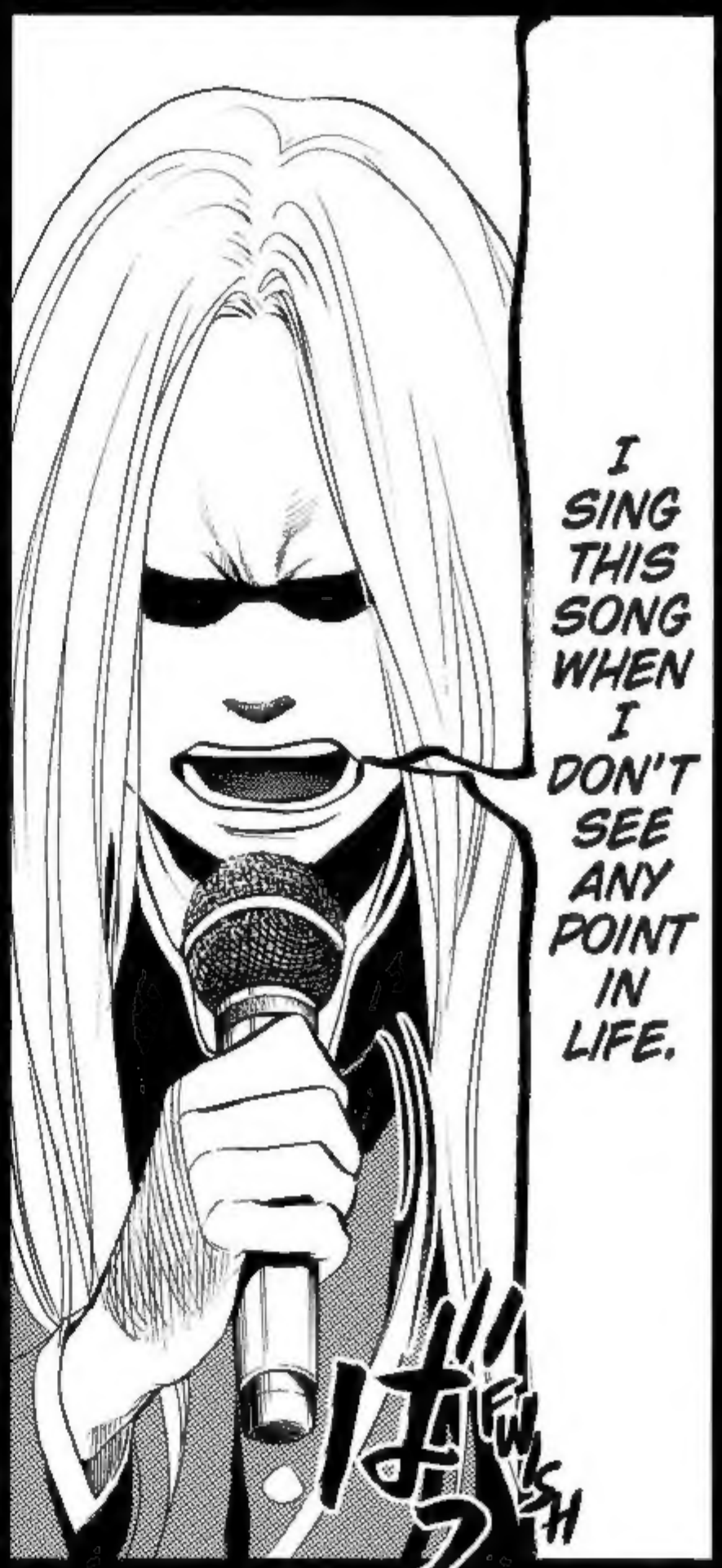
FLASH

DOES THAT MAKE YOU THINK I'M GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES? SORRY, I'M REALLY NOT.
LIFE IS A POINT-LESS WASTE OF TIME. YOU HEAR ME SAY THAT A LOT.
TMP


I SING THIS SONG WHEN I DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN LIFE.
FWISH

I'VE GOT FOOD AND SHELTER, AS MUCH AS I DESERVE.

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE KICKED ME TO THE CURB.

BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. I JUST ALWAYS FEEL LIKE LIFE ISN'T WORTH THE PAIN.

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE SAID THEY WANT ME GONE. I JUST CAN'T STAND FEELING THIS WAY, EVEN IF IT'S ALL IN MY BRAIN.

'CAUSE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THEIR HAPPY LITTLE LIVES, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A PLACE.

BUT HEY!

SO LIFE IS A POINT-LESS WASTE OF TIME.

THEY CAN'T MORALLY RISK IT.

BUT NO DOCTOR WILL HELP. THEY CAN'T LEGALLY RISK IT.

CRACK OPEN MY SKULL. JUST LET ME FOR-GET.

I NEED A DRUG THAT WILL MAKE ME FOR-GET.

YOU THINK I'LL DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT?

HELL NO!

GULP

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT IT MAKES ME IMAGINE A GUY WITH LONG, BLOND HAIR.

I LIKE THE FIRST SONG.

IT'S REALLY GOOD.

OH ...

I COULD MAYBE SEE THAT.

I'M ESPECIALLY INTO THE PART ABOUT HOW THE HANDSOME BOY IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ME!

WELL, IMAMURA-KUN, I THINK ADDING ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE WITH THIS DO-OVER STUFF HAS GIVEN THE STORY SOME MORE DEPTH.

I SEE.

THE REST IS MORE LIKE A SORT OF OUTLINE.

THAT'S THE ONLY SONG I'VE GOT SO FAR.

...

WOW, YOU WROTE THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BECOME A SEXY CELEB-RITY?

AND ...

THAT'S SO RIDIC-ULOUS.

HEH HEH!

OH MY GOD, AS IF TWO BOYS WOULD COME FROM THE FUTURE TO FIGHT OVER AN UGLY GIRL LIKE ME.

I'M BEING SWALLOWED BY A WARP IN SPACE-TIME!

WH-WHAT?!

I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

NO!

BA DUMP

ドキ"

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE IT BACK IF IT SWALLOWS YOU, TOO?!

WAIT!

IMA-MURA-KUN!

I NEED YOU...

I- I...

DON'T LEAVE ME!

THIS WORLD WILL BE FINE WITHOUT ME.

JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE THE DO-OVER.

FROM NOW ON,

IT'LL BE UP TO YOU TO CHANGE YOUR OWN FUTURE.

THE BRIEF TIME WE SPENT SINGING TOGETHER CAN NEVER BE ERASED.

REMEMBER ME.

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE YOU WANT TO DIE,

FWISH

I...I WANT TO DIE!

WE

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

THE PLAY'S FINALE ...

THE AUDIENCE IS ROARING WITH APPLAUSE.

I CAN SEE IT NOW.

HUH ?!

LET'S GO WITH THIS!

YEAH!

MAYBE HE IS BAD AT SINGING AND DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT,

BUT THIS STORY'S AUTHOR SHOULD UNDERSTAND IT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

SO IMAMURA-KUN, I WANT TO HEAR YOU SING THIS SONG. I WANT YOU TO PLAY THE LEAD!

I-

I'LL DO MY BEST.

YEAH!

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

WHY DO I HAVE SUCH A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...?

HUH...

HIRO-KUN ...

IT'S A RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

YOU CAN'T LET THE ONE YOU'RE CHEERING FOR GROW TOO FOND OF YOU.

Again!!

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88. THE LEADING ROLE

"WH-WHAT?! THIS CAN'T BE! HAVE I GONE THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME ?!"

"NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN?!"

"NO FRIENDS, NO CLUBS, NO NOTHING. THAT WAS HIGH SCHOOL FOR ME, BUT..."

"I WANT TO DIE."

"HUH ..."

"WHAT ?"

"THIS IS BOR-ING."

"WHO ARE YOU?"

BADUMP ドキ

BADUMP ドキ

BADUMP ドキ

"LEAVE ME ALONE!"

SCRITCH SCRITCH SCRITCH

"WE'RE DOING THINGS OVER, SO LET'S MAKE SOME MONEY!"

"I'M TOO UGLY. THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME."

MY STORY IS RIGHT HERE ON PAPER.

IT'S BEING READ ALOUD

WRITTEN BY

ICHIRO MAMURA

EVERY-ONE'S READING THE SCRIPT I WROTE!

WHAT THE HELL? THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASS-ING!

ぱよよよよ

BLUUUUSH

IT'S BECOMING SOMEONE ELSE'S.

IT'S BEING PER-FURAED

OH!

LOOK AT THIS.

THE NEW GUY IN THE DORMITORY, RIGHT?

WHO ARE YOU?

HEY

I WENT AHEAD AND MADE THESE

SAVE IT... BE WORKING BACK-STAGE...

THREE!

ONE!

FOUR!

TWO!

HANDS THE OTHER WAY, IMAMURA-SAN!

R-RIGHT!

I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL

KANAN DRAMA CLUB

X

KANAN OUENDAN

T TO DIE: USICAL

M CLUB

NDAN

FWISH!!

OH MY GOD, TEAM T-SHIRTS?! THESE ARE SO DORKY!

YOU'RE IN THE LEADING ROLE, BUT YOUR FACE IS TELLING ME YOU'RE A SIDE CHARACTER!

IMA-MURA!

QUIT BEING SO SHY!

THAT'S WHAT WILL MAKE YOU SEEM *AWE-SOME!*

FIDGET モジ…

JUST ACT LIKE A *DORK* AND BE *SHAMELESS* ABOUT IT.

FIDGET モジ…

SO I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT NOW, IMAMURA!

YOU DID IT WITH THE OUENDAN!

UUGH, GOD DAMN IT...

EVEN IF YOU ARE BAD AT SINGING AND DANCING.

GULP ゴクン

JUST GO TO SCHOOL WITH A SIGH! DON'T NEED COLLEGE, DO I? DON'T WANNA WORK TO GET BY!

I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL

LIFE IS SO DAMN GRUEL-ING, BUT WHY ?!

R

I WANT TO DIE

L FOR LAZY, LISTLESS, LEPER!

BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT! GOT NO ALIBI!

IF YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT, YOU GET A SCARLET LETTER!

GH!

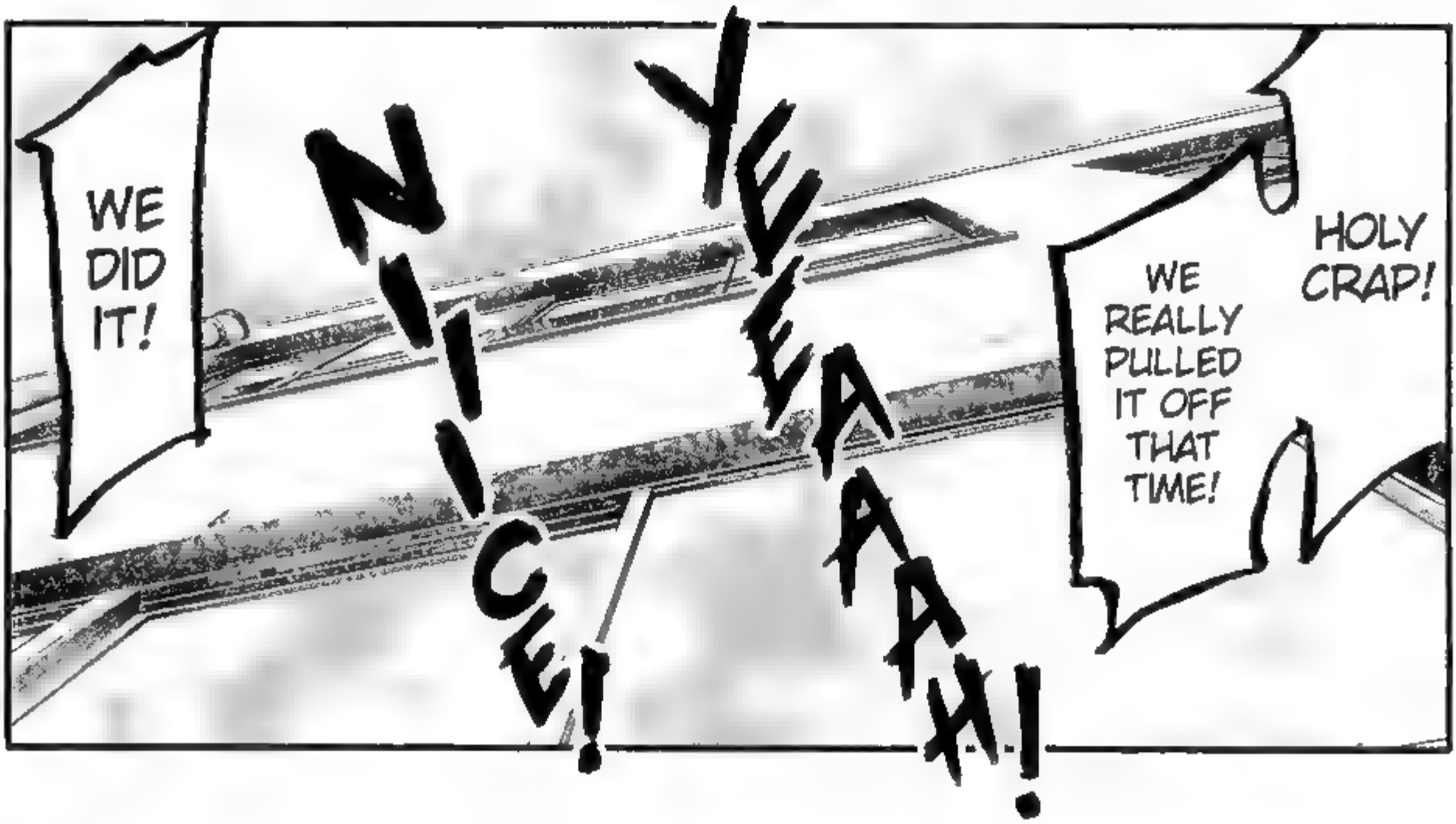
INTONE THOSE MAGIC WORDS THAT MAKE US FEEL LESS JADED!

I WANT TO DIE

I WANT TO DIE

BUT WE CAN'T HELP IT IF WE WANT TO SAY IT!

I WANT TO DIIE!


WE DID IT!
NICE!
YEAAAH!
WE REALLY PULLED IT OFF THAT TIME!
HOLY CRAP!

I'D HAVE BEEN TOO SELF-CONSCIOUS TO ACT THIS DORKY.

I'D NEVER DO THIS.

BEFORE I STARTED DOING THINGS OVER,

FEH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I WANT TO DIE?

WHAT ARE THEY SINGING?

I WAANT TOOO DIIE!

OHHH!

SOUNDS LIKE THE WEST BUILDING, SO MAYBE THE DRAMA CLUB?

WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?

THAT'S FUNNY!

I'LL PUT IT ONLINE SO EVERYONE CAN TAKE A LOOK.

I GOT THAT ON VIDEO!

THE DRAMA CLUB IS CHANGING

I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL

KANAN SCHOOL FESTIVAL

I WONDER IF THAT SONG'S GOING TO BE IN *I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL.*

I WANT TO DIIIE!

THIS IS WILD! I JUST MIGHT BE A GENIUS!

YOU DORK!

WE STILL NEED A LOT OF PRAC-TICE!

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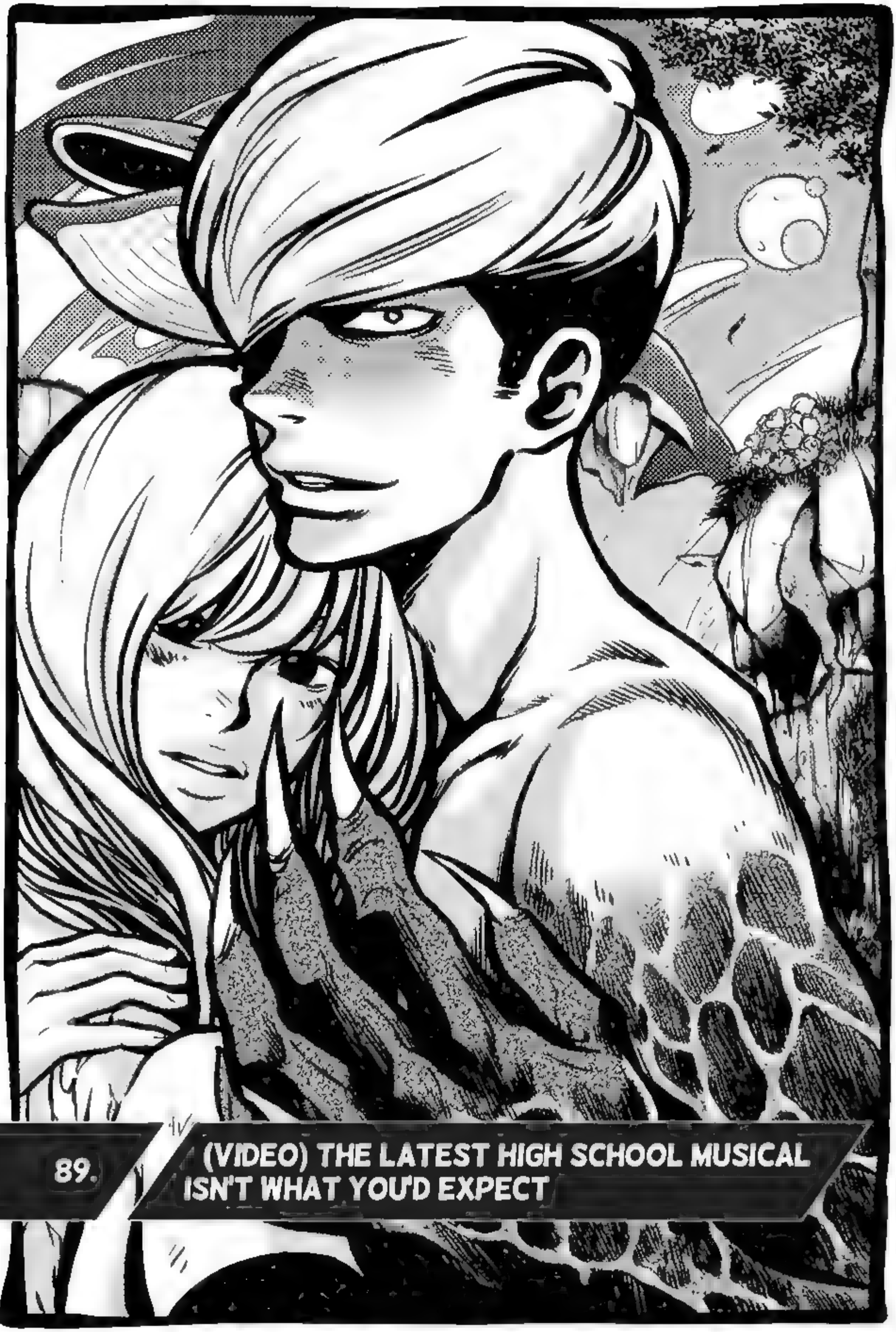
ZIP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(VIDEO) THE LATEST HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ISN'T WHAT YOU'D EXPECT

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

LOOK AT ALL THOSE VIEWS.

HEY!

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD RECORD THE NEXT PART, TOO?

CAN I GET THAT LAST PART AGAIN?

YEAH.

HUH?

"DO YOU KNOW WHO THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THIS CLASS IS?"

"HEY, UGLY."

"YOU CAN TRY TO HIDE IT, BUT YOU CAN'T CURE UGLY."

"THAT'S RIGHT! ME!"

"I'M THE QUEEN!"

"AND ALL THE SCHOOL'S BOYS WANT TO BE MY TOYS!"

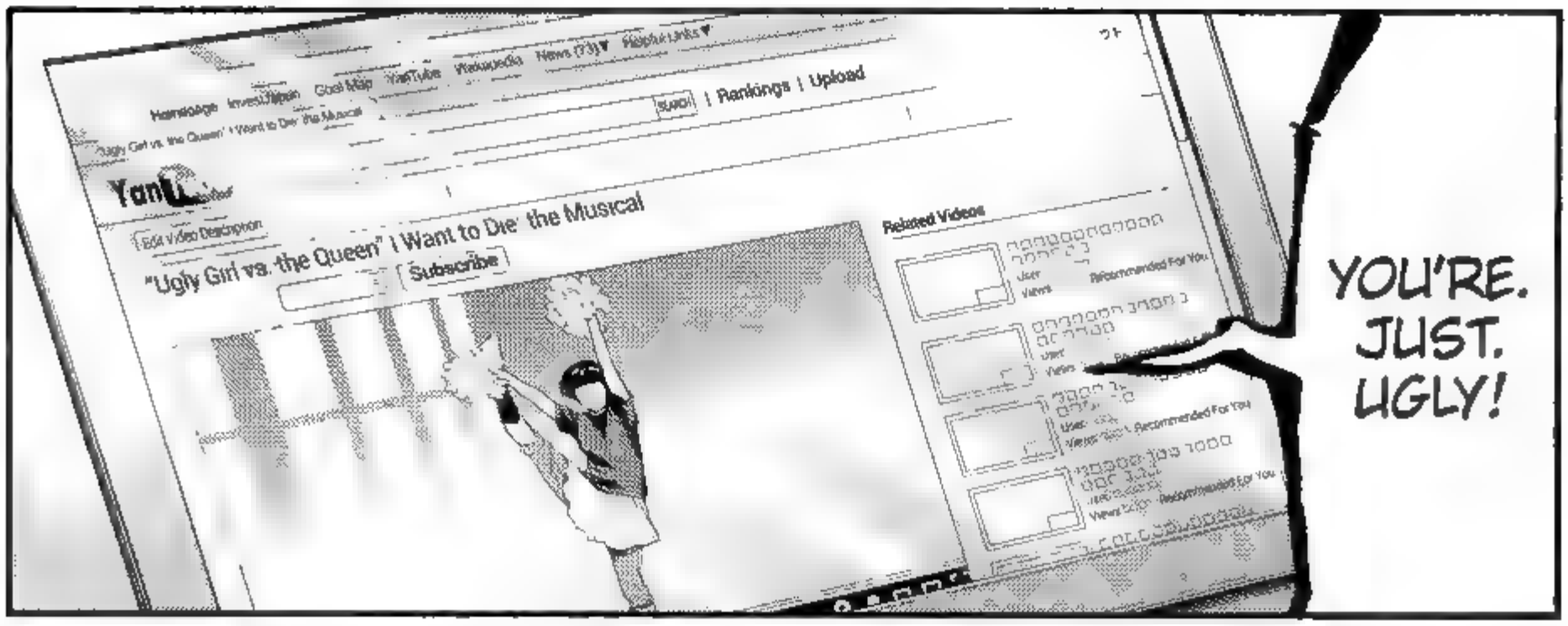
OKAY, GOT IT.

I'LL UPLOAD THIS ONE, TOO.

SHWIP

SHWIP

SHWIP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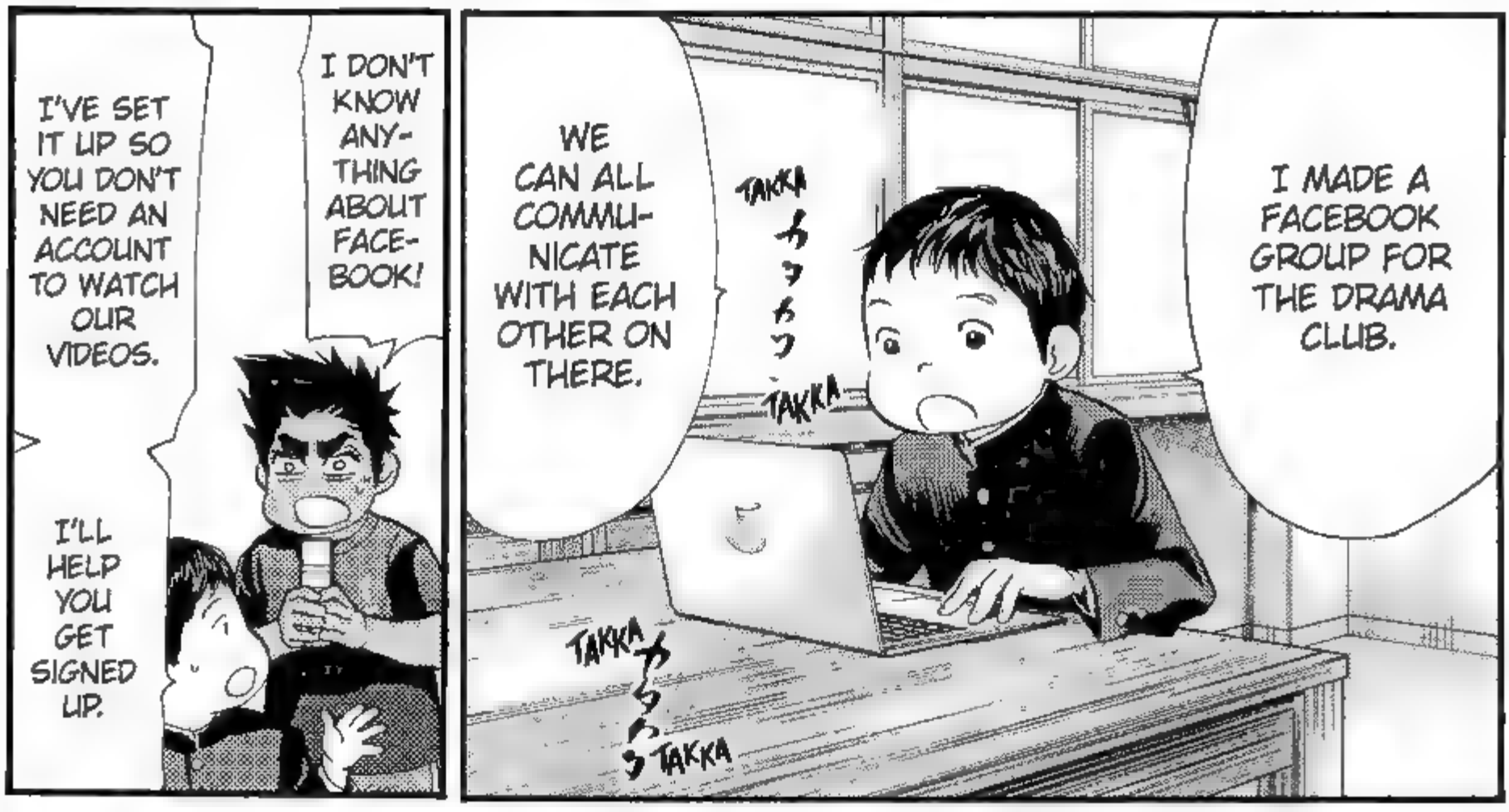
I'VE SET IT UP SO YOU DON'T NEED AN ACCOUNT TO WATCH OUR VIDEOS.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT FACE-BOOK!
I'LL HELP YOU GET SIGNED UP.
WE CAN ALL COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER ON THERE.
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA
I MADE A FACEBOOK GROUP FOR THE DRAMA CLUB.

OH!
MY FRIENDS WANT SOME, TOO.
WUBBUH
WUBBUH
GASP
HUH? UH!
HOW MANY DO YOU NEED?
OH GOD... I SCREEN-PRINTED YOUR SHIRTS BY HAND, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY LEFT OVER.
GASP
WHAT?
THEY DO?!
PEOPLE REALLY LIKE THEM.
I WANT TO DIE
HEY, BY THE WAY!
SOME OF MY FRIENDS WANT T-SHIRTS LIKE OURS. DO YOU THINK WE COULD SELL THESE?

IT'LL BE A GREAT WAY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DRAMA CLUB'S LACK OF BUDGET.

IF THERE'S DEMAND, LET'S ORDER SOME CUSTOM PRINTED AND SELL THEM FOR PROFIT.

I WANT TO DIE

I WANT TO DO THE MUSICAL

KANAN DRAMA CLUB

WE'D PROB-ABLY SELL FOUR OR FIVE AT BEST.

THEY WON'T BE THAT POPULAR. THEY'RE SO DORKY.

COME ON.

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE PIC-TURES OF US WITH-

WAIT!

THERE'VE BEEN MORE OF THEM LATELY, HUH? I GUESS THEY'RE DISAPPOINTED TO FIND OUT WHAT I REALLY LOOK LIKE.

DAMN IT! ARE THEY HARAS-SING US AGAIN?

TURN

EEEE!

PATTER

PATTER

PATTER-

I WANT TO DIE

OH MY GOD, THEY WERE REALLY DOING IT!

WOW.

LET'S POST THIS TO TWITTER.

PATTER

PATTER

PATTER

PATTER

BWA HA HA HA HA

I THINK THEY'RE FROM A NEARBY ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL.

BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE IN THE WEST BUILDING?

HEY, THOSE GIRLS WEREN'T WEARING OUR UNIFORM.

Drama Club SEARCH!

OH.

Find Drama Club

Adam Bombom
one of the younger kids in my dr
club just bragged about how the
in Hollywood one day..(∀。)=
yeah, let's just focus on the pla

Betaro
I've been waiting here in the
drama club room but no one
guess I'll give it another hou

Nouno
my thoughts in the name
spread it and the great pe
remembe

SHWIP SHWIP

I WANT

TWITTER, HUH?

@obuk_ma

I busted into their school and the drama club really was doing that musical lmao bit.ly/ad1>

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@obuk_

they posted a new video too. "Ugly Girl vs. the Queen" I Want t be/0qb17t~1>@yan

HUH?

OUR REHEARSAL VIDEOS ARE GETTING SHARED AROUND?!

DUUN

HEY!

TA-WARA!

I WANT TO DIE!

Y-YES?!

COME ON, LET THEM SHARE 'EM.

HUH?

I'M SO SORRY! I'LL MAKE IT PRIVATE RIGHT NOW!

PEOPLE ARE SHARING IT ON TWITTER, TOO!

AND EVEN ON NICO NICO!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD HOW FAST THE VIEW COUNT WAS GOING UP.

LET'S PULL IN AS MANY CUSTOMERS AS WE CAN AND MAKE SOME CASH!

GOING VIRAL WILL BE GOOD ADVERTISING, AND IT'LL HELP US SELL MORE T-SHIRTS, TOO. THIS IS A GOOD THING.

BAM!

IT'LL BE FINE! WE'RE JUST SPREADING THE WORD!

AND EVEN IF PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL COME TO SEE US, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIT THEM IN THE GYMNASIUM.

WE'RE DOING THIS FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, SO WE CAN'T SELL TICKETS.

BUT ...

Views: 13,894

CHATTER

ZIP

I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL ?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RIDE THIS WAVE!

WWHWIP

Views: 24,119

WWIP

I WANT TO DIE THE MUSICAL

IT SAYS KABOSU MINAMI DRAMA CLUB AND OUENDAN.

YOU CAN SEE IT ON THEIR T-SHIRTS.

ZZRSH

ZIP

Views: 65,778

ZIP

VIRALITY

CHATTER

HEY.

THAT'S OUR SCHOOL, ISN'T IT?

I SAW THE VIDEO, MAN.

PEOPLE REALLY LOVE IT!

IMA-MURA!

YOU'RE GETTING SO POPULAR!

SAME!

CAN I BUY ONE OF THOSE T-SHIRTS?

that blond guy is cute

40	like kinder	
41	that blond guy is cute	
42	lmao	00:22
43	the hot guy's the only one who's any good	03:52
44	that looks fun	19:31
45	i could do better	

SO YOUR SON'S DOING A MUSICAL, IS HE?

HUH?!

I SAW THAT VIDEO.

IMA-MURA-SAN!

HUH?

WHAT IS IMA-MURA-KUN DOING?

HEY.

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA BE ON TV SOON?

COULD I GET ONE OF THOSE POSTERS FOR YOUR MUSICAL?

OH.

HANA-TAKA-SAN!

HEY, HANA-TAKA-SAN.

I SAW THE VIDEO.

NO NO NO! SHE'S PURELY A PRODUCT OF MY IMAGINATION.

I DON'T REMEMBER EVER CALLING YOU UGLY OR MYSELF THE QUEEN.

WAS THAT CHEER-LEADER BASED ON ME?

OH.

BY THE WAY, THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE ON 2CHAN SAYING YOU WERE UGLY UNTIL YOU GOT PLASTIC SURGERY.

HMM.

...

IT ISN'T EASY BEING NOTICED, IS IT?

Hee hee...

Hee hee...

IF YOU IGNORE WHAT THEY SAY AND KEEP PUSHING THIS, I THINK THE COMMENTS MIGHT GET WORSE.

AND YOU KNOW,

JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE WHOLE THING.

WAAAA

Qu!

Qu!

Qu!

SNAP カシャ
SNAP カシャ
SNAP カシャ
SNAP カシャ
ピロリ～ン RINGALING

OSU!
CHESTS OUT. SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

カネ KACHING!

AND OUR LATEST PIECE OF MERCH: NECK TOWELS!
COME ONE, COME ALL! WE'VE GOT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!
XS.S.ML.xL AVAILABLE

I FINALLY FOUND ME A RACKET!
HEH HEH HEH!

YOU WANT TO CANCEL I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL ?!

WITH CONTENT LIKE THIS, THE MONEY'S JUST GONNA KEEP ROLLING IN!

DRAMA CLUB

BUT WHY ?!

ZIP ZIP ZIP

Views: 11,135

HEY.

NAKAHARA-KUN, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A MOMENT.

WE CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH WHILE YOU CREATE AN UPROAR.

IT'S THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE ***BUT*** TO CANCEL IT AS THINGS STAND.

IT'S NOT THAT WE WANT TO CANCEL IT.

AND WE'RE CONSTANTLY GETTING CALLS ASKING WHETHER THERE ARE ANY TICKETS FOR SALE OR IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.

NOW WE'RE GETTING COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY SAY ALL SORTS OF STRANGE PEOPLE ARE GATHERING NEAR KABOSU MINAMI HIGH.

THAT VIDEO OF YOURS WENT VIRAL.

WHAT ?

NOT ONLY THAT,

BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING IT'S INAPPROPRIATE TO CALL IT *I WANT TO DIE.*

WHO ASKED THEM?

AND ANOTHER, "'I WANT TO DIE'? ARE THEY ENCOURAGING SUICIDE?"

"IT'S EVEN WORSE THAT THEY'RE HAMMING IT UP LIKE A MUSICAL. SO IRRES-PONSIBLE."

ONE COMMENTER SAID, "THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO DON'T GET TO LIVE EVEN IF THEY WANT TO, SO I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING THEY WANT TO DIE LIKE IT'S NOTHING.

I WANT TO DIE ISN'T A PURELY NEGATIVE STORY.

I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDER-STAND IF THEY COME SEE IT.

NOT AT ALL!

GRRR!

OH, YOUTH.

YOU KIDS DON'T KNOW HOW SCARY THE INTERNET CAN BE.

BUT PEOPLE ONLINE DON'T SEEM TO GET IT.

PERHAPS THAT'S NOT HOW YOU *INTEND* IT.

HMM, WELL ...

I MEAN, I TRIED TO TELL YOU.

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU'D USED THE SCRIPT I SELECTED FOR YOU.

A BUNCH OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE'S ATTENTION BY GIVING THEIR MUSICAL AN EDGY NAME IS OBVIOUSLY A RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

AND TRYING TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF IT? NO WONDER YOU BROUGHT THE TROLLS OUT.

SO YOU WANT US TO CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF?

'CAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE THAT WOULD JUST CAUSE AN EVEN BIGGER FUSS AT THIS POINT.

HMMM...

I'VE GOT IT!

HOW ABOUT THIS?

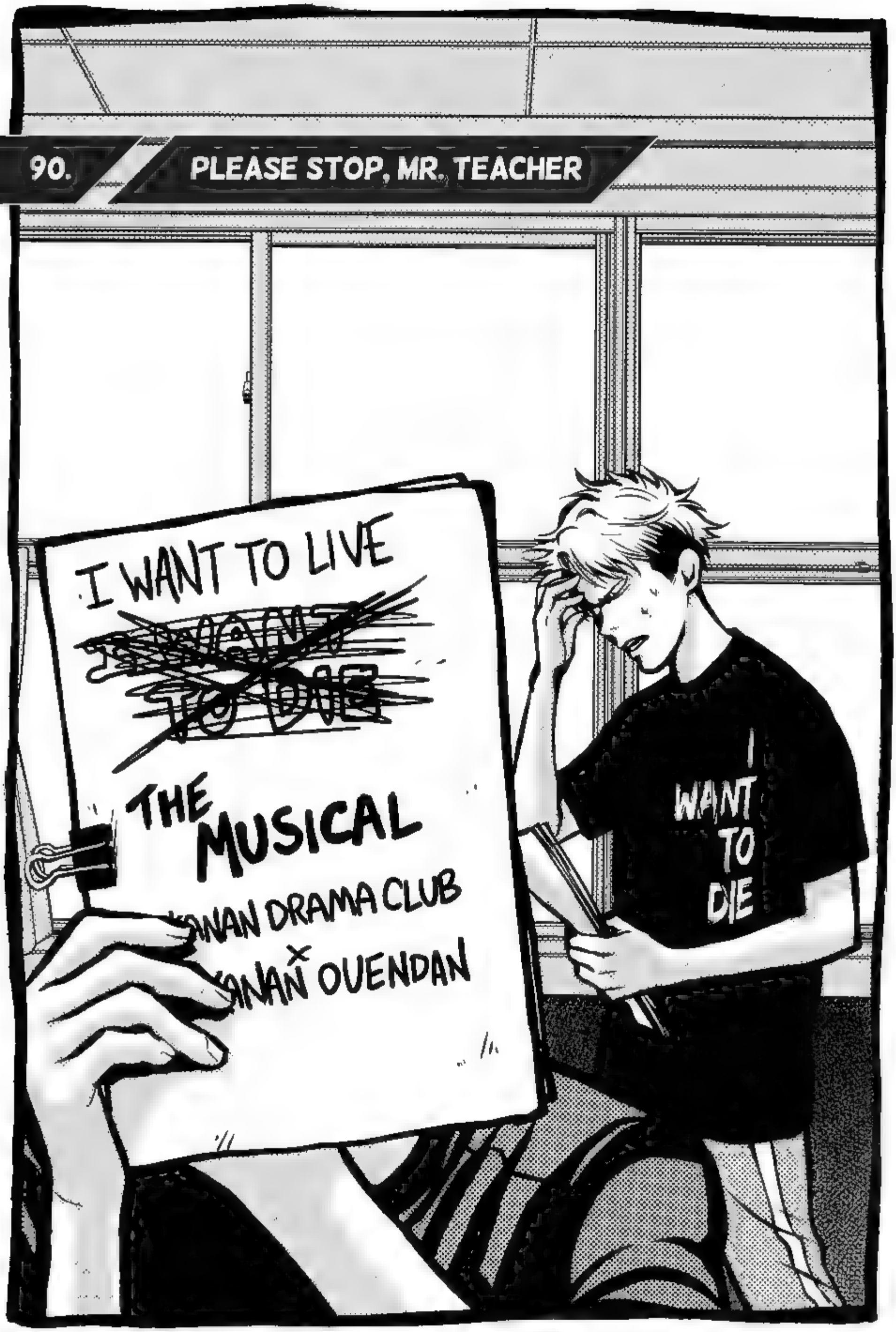
CLAP

AND YOU *ARE NOT TO* INCLUDE THE WORDS *"I WANT TO DIE,"* ANYWHERE IN THE SCRIPT.

WE'LL CHANGE THE TITLE TO *I WANT TO LIVE:* THE MUSICAL.

I want to die! *\(^o

90. PLEASE STOP, MR. TEACHER



I WANT TO LIVE! FOR REAL!!

ACTION!

ALL RIGHT!

YOU DON'T EXPECT ENOUGH OF ME!

LIFE CAN BE SO GRUELING, BUT STILL...

I WANT TO DIE

AS LONG AS I REALLY TRY, I CAN DO IT!

I MUST HAVE TALENT! SO PLEASE, I NEED YOU TO SEE!

I WANT TO LIIIVE! ♪

I WANT TO DIE

LEAP!!!

OH, I WANT TO LIVE!

I WANT TO LIVE!

DUM

DUM

DA-DUM

SO MANY WONDER-FUL REASONS TO LIVE!

DON'T YOU GUYS WANNA LIVE ?!

...

WAAAAA

I WANT TO LIVE!!

...

...

ISN'T *I WANT TO LIVE* THE BEST?

I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT IF YOU TRIED.

OKAY.

GOOD!

I'M SURE THIS MUSICAL WILL MAKE ANYONE WHO SEES IT GLAD THEY'RE ALIVE AND HAVE THE CHANCE TO KEEP ON LIVING!

PAANT

PAANT

PAANT

I KNEW REPLACING THAT RIDICULOUS REFRAIN OF "I WANT TO DIE," WAS THE RIGHT CALL!

I WA
THE

KANAN DI
X
KANAN OUENDAN

CLAT
CLAT
CLAT

HMM ?

STILL MAD, ARE YOU?

POKE

PEOPLE AREN'T AS SIMPLE-MINDED AS YOU THINK.

IMA-MURA!

GRIND

GRIND

PEOPLE SEEK OUT ANY CLOWN THEY CAN FIND TO PUT UP ON A PEDESTAL.

IF YOU LET A LITTLE BIT OF INTERNET FAME GO TO YOUR HEAD, SOON ENOUGH, SOMEONE'S GOING TO SET THEIR SIGHTS ON YOU AND YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF MOBBED.

GRIND

AND ONCE THEY HAVE YOU THERE, THEY'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE MOMENT TO BRING YOU CRASHING DOWN.

YOU'D DO WELL TO PAY ATT-EN-TION.

NOW, I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU KIDS A TRICK FOR GETTING ALONG IN SOCIETY WITHOUT GETTING HURT. I HOPE YOU WON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY.

IF YOU THINK I'M HARSH, JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU.

BETWEEN SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS,

WHAT IT FORBIDS,

AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

COMPROMISE.

I'D LIKE YOU TO TRY TO BALANCE ALL THAT.

YOUR GENERATION'S PRETTY SMART, SO I'M SURE YOU WON'T MAKE ANY SILLY CLAIMS THAT "ADULTS DON'T GET IT."

Twooo!

KOOP

I DON'T WANT TO

DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE GREAT.

MLEH

MLEH

MLEH

IMAGINATION

I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE WORK OF DIRECTING *I WANT TO LIVE.*

HE SEEMED OFF BEFORE THE DO-OVER, TOO.

WHISPER WHISPER

I JUST REMEMBERED ABOUT TOUCHY-SAWA.

IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER THIS THAT HIS EXCESSIVE TOUCHING OF MALE STUDENTS EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME "TOUCHYSAWA."

HIROSAWA, THE DRAMA CLUB'S SPONSOR...

...AND CHANGE INTO THESE *I WANT TO LIVE* SHIRTS I'VE HAD MADE.

I Want to Live

NOW, EVERYONE, I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE OFF YOUR *I WANT TO DIE* SHIRTS...

WOW.

YOU'RE SUCH A FAST WORKER, TAWARA-KUN.

THE T-SHIRTS ARE READY.

HIRO-SAWA-SEN-SEI!

WE HAVE TO, WITH ALL THE COMPLAINTS WE'RE GETTING.

WHAT ?!

I Want to Live

BE SURE TO DELETE ALL THE VIDEOS OF *I WANT TO DIE.*

I Wan to Le

to Live

ONCE THEY'VE CHANGED, PLEASE RECORD THEIR PERFORMANCE AND UPLOAD IT TO THE NET.

INSTEAD, LET'S PROJECT A CHEERY IMAGE AND SHOW PEOPLE THAT THE DRAMA CLUB HAS BEEN REBORN.

DRAMA CLUB

NO OUTSIDE OBSERVERS DURING REHEARSAL

IS CHANGING

live

SICAL

THE DRAMA CLUB IS CHANGING

I want to live

THE MUSICAL

THE DRAMA

TH

DID THEY CHANGE THE TITLE?

THE MU

HUH ?

CHATTER

THEY DELETED THE OLD VIDEOS!

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so they're not gonna die?

WHOA, THAT'S SO DORKY.

I WANT TO LIIIVE!

HEY, EARTH TO HANA-TAKA-SAN!

WHY'D YOU GO BACK TO BEING UGLY, HANATAKA-SAN?

HANA-TAKA-SAN?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO YOUR *I WANT TO DIE* MUSICAL?

CHATTER...

CHATTER

I don't get it, but I'm about to eat dinner

nah yeah, no matter how you cut it, her looks before we

I could've told you guys not to trust real w

I found her in a yearbook and it was t

like, really bad

CHATTER

she wanted attention

this is just sort of sad now lol

rather play video games at ho

I was gonna go see this, but I don't think I care anyr

why do nerds always get so carried away?

die in a fire

this makes the school look bad

I asked a friend and they said she's a total loner

DASH!!

Cancel
New Tweet
Tweet
I want to die!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

GULP...

BUH
BUH
BUH...

GULP

PAANT

PAANT

PAANT

I WANT TO SAY IT.

UNH...

UUUUNH!

UNH...

I WANT TO DIE.

BAM

Why did *I Want to Die: the Musical* become *I Want to Live* after going viral?

"I'd like to search for a reason to live alongside my students."

So said Mr. Hirosawa, sponsor of ...ama club at Saitama Prefecture's Ka... ...ami High School.
It all started when some stu... at t... ...hoo... uploaded the video that w... ...becom... internet sensation to YanTube was a ...

NOW, LET'S DO OUR BEST FOR THE SCHOOL FES-TIVAL.

TWIRL

TWIRL

ISN'T IT GREAT?

THE PARENTS AND OTHER TEACHERS HAVE BEEN RESPONDING VERY WELL TO THAT ARTICLE I WAS IN.

WHAT'S WRONG?

USAMI-SAN.

COMPRO-MISE. I HAVE TO COMPRO-MISE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

WHAT DOES EVERY-ONE ELSE THINK?

ARE YOU JUST GONNA LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY?!

HEY, HANA-TAKA-SAN!

UUNH...

UUUNH!

ABOUT THIS SCRIPT, DO YOU THINK IT'S GOOD?

... WELL ...

WHAT ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT DRAMA IN THE FIRST PLACE.

HOW-EVER

I CAN'T REALLY SAY.

I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE I WANTED TO DIE, SO I COULDN'T RELATE TO THE PREVIOUS SCRIPT AT ALL.

I THINK CHANGING IT TO "I WANT TO LIVE," IS FINE.

SHWING

I'M SURE THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO FEEL LIKE THEY WANT TO DIE.

BUT JUDGING BY THE COMMENTS ON THE INTERNET, IT SEEMS A LOT OF PEOPLE DID RELATE TO IT.

YEAH, THAT FIG-URES.

GLOOOOM

I Want to Live

WHO DO YOU WANT TO CHEER ON WITH THIS PLAY?

SO HERE'S THE QUES-TION.

Hey, you guys!

How long do you plan on chatting?

It's time to start rehearsal!

YOU TWO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, DON'T YOU?

I Want to Live

MYSELF I GUESS?

HMM...

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PASSION ★ KILLING SERENADE

"WHO DO YOU WANT TO CHEER ON WITH THIS PLAY?"

WHAT KINDA QUESTION IS THAT?

I Want to Live

WHAT ?!

I'M MAKING SOME BIG CUTS.

Y'KNOW, THE FIRST HALF OF THE STORY DRAGS ON A LITTLE.

SO, I'M CUTTING IT.

SHEEEK

THIS STUFF ABOUT THE MAIN CHARACTER'S INNER CONFLICTS IS TOO REPETITIVE.

OKAY, BUT LET'S CONSIDER WHAT THE AUDIENCE WANTS, HMM?

THE WAY HE OBSESSES OVER HIS PROBLEMS IS FUNDA-MENTAL TO THE NATURE OF THE STORY.

DON'T BE RIDIC-ULOUS!

SO JUST ENJOY IT FOR WHAT IT IS, A SELF-CENTERED WISH-FULFILLMENT FANTASY FULL OF YOUTHFUL PASSION AND LITTLE ELSE.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS AN *AMATEUR* SCRIPT.

HOW-EVER ...

YOU ARE AT THE AGE WHEN YOU DON'T THINK OF ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.

I CAN UNDER-STAND WHY YOU WANT TO MAKE IT EDGY.

DON'T PATRON-IZE ME.

WHAT'S WITH THAT CONCERNED LOOK, CAPTAIN?!

RUNNING AWAY, ARE YOU?

MY, MY.

FWISH

FWISH

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

FWISH

I Want to Live

WRITING A STORY FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, AND NO ONE ELSE'S, IS SIMPLY MASTURBATORY!

FINISH

NO, I DON'T THINK THAT!

HUH?!

I Want

Want

OR DO YOU THINK I WAS JUST JERKING OFF ON PAPER BY WRITING THAT SCRIPT?

YOU GUYS! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SAY SOMETHING!

WE CAN'T CHARGE FOR TICKETS, SO WHO CARES?

BUT WE'RE ONLY PERFORMING IT AT SCHOOL, ANYWAY.

WELL, I'M PRETTY SURE *I WANT TO DIE* WOULD DO BETTER ONLINE,

THEY'RE BASICALLY THE SAME, SO I COULD DO EITHER.

U-UH-HUH.

Right?

I LIKE THEM BOTH, PERSONALLY.

I WANT TO LIVE AND I WANT TO DIE BOTH GOT PLENTY OF FANS AND DETRACTORS ONLINE.

Yeah

I Want

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IT'S JUST, WE NEED TO PLAY IT SAFE AFTER GETTING THOSE COMPLAINTS ABOUT *I WANT TO DIE.*

HEY!

HANA-TAKA-SAN!

...

I'M THE ONLY ONE?

NONE OF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS?

OH MY GOD.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

NO NO NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

YOU MADE IT TO CHEER YOURSELF ON, REMEMBER?! YOU'RE BEING MADE A FOOL OF!

THIS MUSICAL NEVER COULD'VE HAPPENED IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR CRIES OF, "I WANT TO DIE!"

I DON'T THINK THIS MUSICAL CAN BE JUST FOR ME ANY-MORE.

I MEAN ...

IF WE GO AHEAD WITH *I WANT TO DIE* DESPITE THE COMPLAINTS, IT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO LET ALL THE WORK EVERYONE'S PUT INTO THIS PROJECT GO TO WASTE.

I'LL KILL YOU.

I GUESS OUR CRITICS WERE RIGHT.

WE SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE, "I WANT TO DIE."

GASP

I Want to Live

I Want

I'LL MAKE YOU REALLY WANT TO LIVE!

WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND MAKE IT I WANT TO KILL: THE MUSICAL?

THAT BALD, PERVERTED RUNT CAN TAKE HIS DISGUSTING BEARD AND GO EAT A LOAD OF SHIT!

LIKE I CARE IF TOUCHY-SAWA HEARS!

HE MAKES ME SICK!

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.

WHAT IF SOMEONE HEARD YOU?

IMA-MURA! HURRY AND APOLO-GIZE!

UH ...

SENSE!!

IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THEN I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO STEP DOWN FROM THE LEADING ROLE.

SNAP

I Want to Live

I Want to Live

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR SHITTY MUSICAL!

I Want to Live

GO DIE!

SLAM!!

ARE'N'T YOU GOING TO STOP HIM?

CAP-TAIN.

...

TAKA...

WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE A NEGATIVE PERSON LIKE ME?

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Konan Drama Club
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Konan Ouendan

KIN-CHAAAN!

ARE YOU AWAKE, SWEETIE?

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE ON MY SIDE.

YOUR CAPTAIN IS HERE. SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

I'M SORRY. HE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO UPSET BEFORE. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

OH.

AND HE ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU.

I Wa
to Liv

HE'S ENTERED THE KNIFE PHASE, HUH?

I HAVE A FEELING TRYING TO ENCOURAGE HIM WOULD BACKFIRE AT THIS POINT.

I Want to Live

I WANT TO DIE

COME ON! ARE YOU STILL MAD?

...

GRRR!

ゆうじ SLUMP あ!

IMA-MURA!

HEY!

WAVE

WAVE

GOOD MORN-ING!

IMA-MURA! HEY!

HANATAKA-SAN AND EVERYONE IN THE OUENDAN WANT YOU TO COME BACK!

I'M NOT GOING TO FORGIVE YOU.

PLEASE, TALK TO ME!

HI, IMA-MURA-KUN!

IMA-MURA!

SHUF Z...

I ORDER YOU TO RETURN !

IMA-MURA!!

IMA-MURA, LISTEN TO ME!

IMA-MURA-KUN!

IMA-MURA! SERIOUS-LY!

NEEDED ME AFTER ALL, HUH? TOO BAD.

HUUUSH...

FIVE DAYS LATER...

...

THREE DAYS LATER...

IMAMURAAAA!

HEEEY!

IMAMURA!

COME BACK!

APOLO-GIZE MORE!

MORE, I SAY!

HEY!

HEH HEH HEH HEH!

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THEY UPLOADED A NEW VIDEO OF THE MUSICAL.

HUH?

SHWIP

SHWIP

THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SHOWING UP LATELY.

YouTube

I Want to Live: The Musical

I WANT TO LIIIVE!

YOU SUR-PRISED ME, TOO!

I NEVER WOULD'VE SUSPECTED YOU APPEARED IN MUSICALS AS A CHILD!

I'M SORRY I NEVER TOLD YOU!

YEAH.

MY EYES DID NOT DECEIVE ME!

YES!

THAT WAS BRILLIANT, TAWARA-KUN!

1104 CLAP

1104 CLAP

1104 CLAP

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO PARTICIPATE IN A MUSICAL AS PART OF THE OUENDAN.

SO I GAVE UP ON ACTING TO FOCUS ON GOING TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A DOCTOR.

JUST, I'M SO SHORT, AND I KNOW I'M NOT HAND-SOME,

I LOVE MUSI-CALS!

BUT, THIS IS SO FUN!

I Want

LISTEN UP.

WE'VE GOT A WEEK UNTIL THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, SO LET'S KEEP WORKING HARD.

ALL RIGHT!

AH HA HA HA

DRAMA CLUB

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO CAN REPLACE YOU.

WHAT'S THE POINT IN STEPPING OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE?

SO LIFE IS A POINT-LESS WASTE OF TIME ♪
BUT HEY!
YOU THINK I'LL DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT? HELL NO!

92. I DON'T WANNA BE SOME PUNK!

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The Musical
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Konan Ouendan

WE'RE GETTING SO MUCH MORE OUT OF THE MUSIC THANKS TO YOU, TAWARA-KUN! EVERYONE'S IN SYNC NOW.

GREAT!

YOU'VE GOT THIS, TAWARA!

I THINK SO, TOO!

THIS HAS GOTTEN SO MUCH EASIER SINCE YOU TOOK OVER THE LEADING ROLE.

HUH?

HUH?

...

COULDN'T SOMEONE TRY TALKING TO HIM AGAIN?

I REALLY THINK IMAMURA-KUN SHOULD BE THE ONE TO PLAY THIS ROLE.

UMM

I'M JUST A SUBSTI-TUTE HERE.

I DON'T THINK HE'LL COME BACK AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO *I WANT TO DIE.*

HE'S NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS PLAY GETTING TURNED INTO *I WANT TO LIVE.*

AND I'M PRETTY SURE IMAMURA-KUN IS STILL MAD AT ME.

EEEE!

BWA HA HA HA

AH HA HA HA HA

WHOOOA!

HA HA

OVER HERE!

OSU MINAMI SCHOOL FESTIVAL ...CTS AT A GLANCE

HA HA HA

WOW!

THAT'S FUNNY!

FOR REAL!

HEY, YOU'RE IN OUR WAY. COULD YOU MOVE?

OKAY, READY!

DID YOU SAY I WAS IN THE WAY?

SPIT IT OUT.

WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY?

CLENCH

SHWOOM

THERE'S STILL TIME.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR ME TO GO BAD.

RUN!

EEEEEK!

SHATTER

SHATTER

SHATTER

WA HA HA HA!

I'LL SMASH THE SCHOOL'S WINDOWS! THEY'LL HAVE TO CANCEL THEIR LITTLE FESTIVAL WHEN THAT MAKES THE NEWS. YOU'RE WELCOME!

PRICKLE

PRICKLE

PRICKLE

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE! I'VE LOST CONTROL OF MY DARKER EMOTIONS.

I CAN BECOME A JUVENILE DELINQUENT!

YOU WANT A PROBLEM? I'LL GIVE YOU A FUCKIN' PROBLEM!

GIIII

HRAAAA!

NOTE: ABOUT $150 US DOLLARS.

IT JUST REMINDS ME OF THE TIME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHEN I HAD TO PAY 15,000 YEN TO REPAIR A WINDOW MY CLASSMATE BROKE!

GAAAAH! I CAN'T DO IT!

GUH...

HALT.

I CAN'T BECOME A PUNK OVER DRAMA CLUB DRAMA! I AT LEAST HAVE TO BE ABUSED BY SOMEBODY BEFORE I CAN TURN TO A LIFE OF CRIME!

TUP TUP TUP TUP TUP TUP

GOING BAD BECAUSE I LOST THE LEADING ROLE IN A MUSICAL WOULD BE SUCH A DORK MOVE!

BE-SIDES!

TUP

IN MY MIND, IF I STARTED THINKING OF MYSELF AS A VICTIM, I LOST.

AND I IGNORED THEM, TOO.

EVERYONE JUST CONVENIENTLY IGNORED ME.

BEFORE THE DO-OVER, I NEVER GOT BULLIED, EXACTLY.

I CAN'T LET MYSELF FEEL HURT.

OR I LOSE.

IT DOESN'T ACCOM-PLISH ANYTHING.

LOOK AT ME NOW, FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF.

AND I HAD A POINT.

I WANT TO DIE!

I WANT TO DIIIIE.!

WAAAAGH!

I WANT TO DIIIE!

I WANT TO DIIIE!

OKAY, GOOD!

THANKS, TAWARA-KUN.

I GOT THE VIDEO.

I Want to Live

I WANT TO DIIIE!

HE WANTED ME TO DELETE EVERY-THING.

JUST DON'T TELL HIRO-SAWA-SENSEI.

OH, HANA-TAKA-SAN! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?

I Want to Live

RIGHT. I'LL BE CARE-FUL.

WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, WE SHOULD GO ON A DATE.

COME ON. DON'T BE LIKE THAT. REMEMBER OUR KISS?

NOTH-ING.

Show me Please?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOK-ING AT?

3. FWIP

...MAMURA-KUN WON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO COME BACK TO THE DRAMA CLUB, WILL HE?

ONCE THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL IS OVER ...

OH, WAIT ...

I Want to Live

I THOUGHT HE WAS PRACTICING WITH YOU GUYS.

KIN-CHAN HAS BEEN COMING HOME AWFULLY LATE.

BUT I CAN NEVER FIND HIM DURING OUR BREAKS.

HE'S ATTENDING CLASS.

HUH?

NO IMAMURA AGAIN?

WHERE THE HELL COULD HE BE?

HUH.

COULDN'T FIND HIM TODAY, EITHER.

COME ON AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!

DON'T GIVE UP SO FAST!

SMACK

IN THAT CASE...

...YOU COULD JUST MAKE UP YOUR OWN PLAY. WOULDN'T THAT WORK?

HEY.

YOU'RE NOT THAT UGLY.

WHEN YOU HEAR A PESSIMIST SAY, "I WANT TO DIE," IT MEANS THEY'RE FACING THEIR PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN PESSIMISTIC WAY!

I-

I'LL DO MY BEST.

I KNOW YOU GUYS WANNA WORK ON YOUR PROJECTS FOR THE FESTIVAL, BUT IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

GASP

I HAVEN'T BEEN ON TWITTER MUCH, LATELY, HUH?

MAYBE IT'S TIME I LOG OFF

SIGH...

?!

DOES THAT MAKE YOU THINK I'M GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES? SORRY, I'M REALLY NOT.

LIFE IS A POINTLESS WASTE OF TIME. YOU HEAR ME SAY THAT A LOT.

AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A PLACE.

'CAUSE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THEIR HAPPY LITTLE LIVES,

I'VE GOT FOOD AND SHELTER, AS MUCH AS I DESERVE.

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE KICKED ME TO THE CURB.

BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. I JUST ALWAYS FEEL LIKE LIFE ISN'T WORTH THE PAIN.

I JUST CAN'T STAND FEELING THIS WAY

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE SAID THEY WANT ME GONE

UNF

1 2 CLAP

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1:0 CLAP
1:0 CLAP
1:0 CLAP
1:0 CLAP

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WATCH-ING?

GAH!

HANA-TAKA!

NO! I JUST HAPPENED NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO TONIGHT!

AND I'M NOT CRYING! IT'S JUST MY SINUSES!

YOU'RE LIKE THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA!

HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING HERE SINGING THIS WHOLE TIME?

DON'T LAUGH!

PFFT, 3:0 ?

THIS SONG IS AMAZING.

WE REALLY CAN'T DO THIS MUSICAL WITHOUT YOU, IMAMURA-KUN.

I WAS RIGHT.

LET'S DO IT.

LET'S PUT ON I WANT TO DIE, TOGETH-ER.

HRRGH

EVERYONE SAYS YOU WERE DOING A GOOD JOB, IMAMURA-KUN.

I SUCK! BESIDES, TAWARA'S A BETTER SINGER THAN I AM!

BUT THEY WON'T ALLOW US TO DO IT UNLESS WE MAKE IT *I WANT TO LIVE!*

LIAR!

THERE'S NO REASON YOU NEED ME TO PLAY THE MAIN CHARACTER!

I KNOW HOW MUCH MORE FUN YOU'RE ALL HAVING NOW THAT I'M GONE! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!

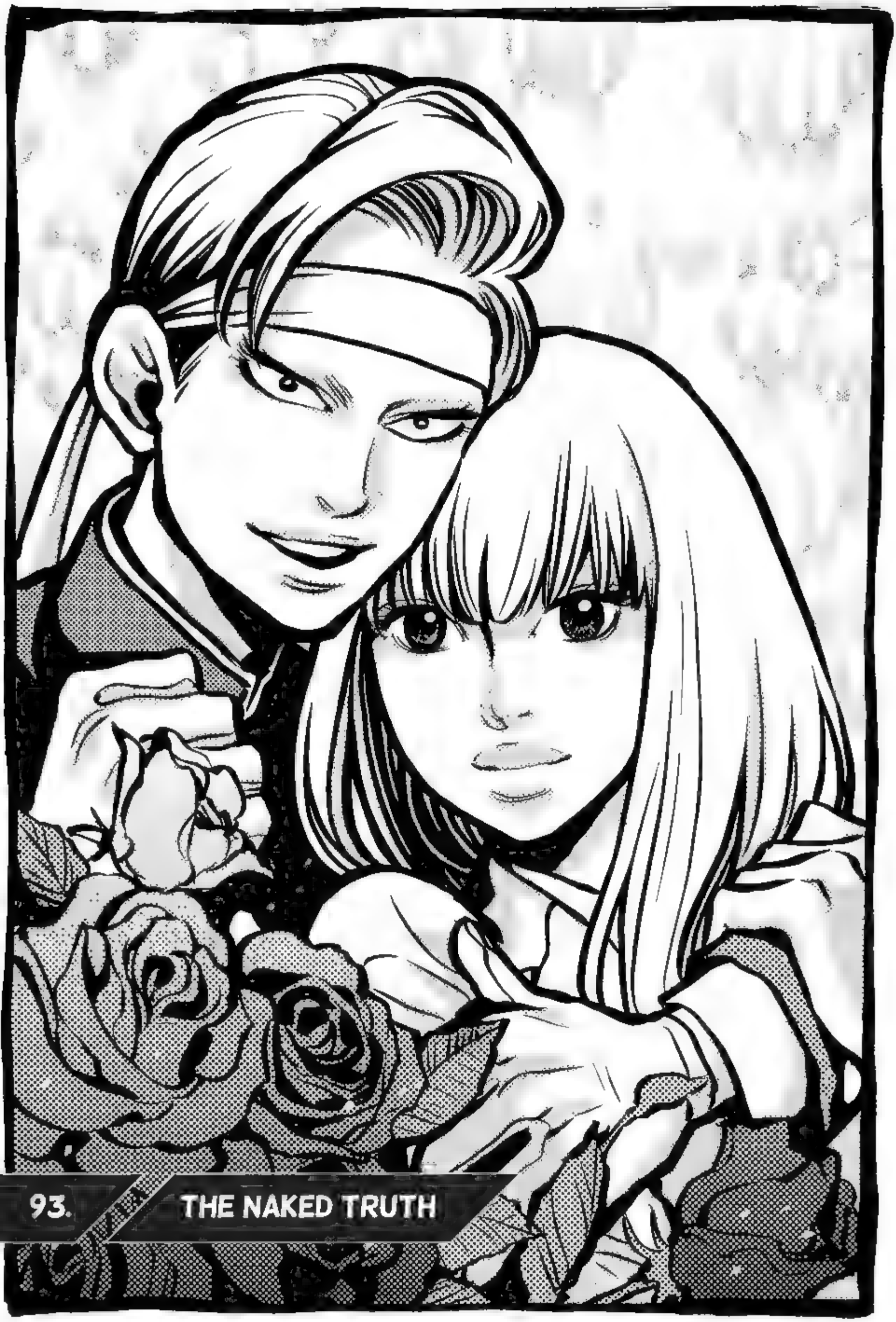
FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

SO I WANT TO PERFORM WITH YOU.
WELL, I LIKE YOU, NAMIKOA-KUN.



93. THE NAKED TRUTH

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WH-

I SAID I LIKE YOU, IMAMURA-KUN!

SO I WANT TO SEE YOU PERFORM IN *I WANT TO DIE.* I WANT IT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!

I MEAN, IT'S TRUE THAT I DIDN'T LIKE YOU MUCH, AT FIRST. IN FACT, YOU SEEMED SORT OF UNPLEASANT AND SCARY.

NO!

I BET YOU THINK I'M A LIABILITY, AND YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME TO MAKE SURE I DON'T GET IN THE DRAMA CLUB'S WAY!

YOU ASS!

L-LIAR!

YOU HAVEN'T ACTED LIKE YOU LIKE ME AT ALL UNTIL NOW! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

I LIKE YOU, IMA-MURA-KUN.

AND THEN, WHEN I SAW YOU SINGING JUST NOW, IT HIT ME.

BUT YOU DON'T SEEM SO INTIMIDATING NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU, AND AFTER READING THAT SCRIPT YOU WROTE, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD.

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?

DID HE TELL YOU?

WHAT?

THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR KISS WITH HIRO-KUN, HUH? I KNOW ABOUT THAT.

I DON'T TRUST YOU ONE BIT!

GUH...

WHAT, YOU'RE SUDDENLY HOT SHIT NOW THAT YOU KISSED A CUTE BOY?

YOU MAY HAVE A CUTE FACE, BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!

HUUUSH

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WAAAAGH! I'VE DRAWN MY SWORD AND NOW I CAN'T PUT IT BACK! THE PETTY BULLSHIT I JUST KEEPS COMING OUT OF MY MOUTH!

NOT AFTER YOU BE-TRAYED ME!

I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN!

POINT!

I'M SORRY.

FWIP

AAAGH, ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A JERK?! I DON'T WANT A GIRL TO BOW TO ME ON HER HANDS AND KNEES!

THIS JUST MAKES ME LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUY!

UNH ...

COME ON, I'M GROVELING OVER HERE!

ARE YOU STILL NOT SATIS-FIED?

I CAN'T JUST MAGICALLY KNOW WITHOUT YOU TELLING ME.

THEN HOW DO I EARN YOUR FORGIVE-NESS?

GRRR

I'M NOT A BUDDHA!

DON'T PROS-TRATE YOUR-SELF!

FOR GIVE ME MY SINS

NOTE: IN BUDDHISM, THIS FORM OF PROSTRATION IS THE DEEPEST EXPRESSION OF HUMILITY.

GO AHEAD AND TRY, IF YOU CAN!

SHALL I DO A NAKED HAND-STAND FOR YOU ?!

THEN HOW DO I GET YOU TO FORGIVE ME?

GASP

SHWIF

DON'T DO IT!

WAIT! I WAS JOK-ING!

SHUFL SHUFL SHUFL SHIFF

ALL RIGHT.

I CAN DO THAT.

ZEEP

HUH ?!

OKAY, IMAMURA-KUN.

WATCH THIS.

FWISH

SHWUMP

HERE I GO!

ONE ... TWO ...

THREE!

BAFF

I LIKE YOU!

ガバッ

FWOO

BAM

I'M SORRY!

I-

HURT

BONK

WHOA!

AAAA

I WANT TO DIIIE!

HAH...

I NEEDED A WAY TO CODE WITH FEELINGS LIKE THESE...

WOW

THAT FELT GOOD.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO MAKE I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL, RIGHT?

CHEERING MYSELF UP WITH MY OWN MUSIC... THAT'S PRETTY EMBAR-RASSING.

ALL OVER TV SOON ENOUGH.

TAKA HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO OVERCOME ANYTHING THAT COMES HER WAY.

BUT THE TRUTH IS... I'VE ALWAYS...

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I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HAVE THE LEADING ROLE!

WE'RE GOING TO PERFORM I WANT TO DIE FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT!!

DRAMA CLUB

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

WHAM

YOU'RE LATE!

WE'VE GOT OUR REPU-TATIONS TO RUIN!
NOW GET OVER HERE!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE

94. THE SECRET DEATH WISH SHOW

TUP

TUP

DRAMA CLUB

TUP

TUP

IS-

RIGHT?

I DON'T GET IT! HE SEEMED SO DESPERATE TO AVOID US.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D CALL A SUDDEN MEETING LIKE THIS!

IS IT TRUE ?!

IMA-MURA !

HEY!

WHAM

WANT
OKAY, LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S HERE.

YOU HAVE TO SAY IT YOURSELF, IMAMURA.
IMA-MURA-KUN.
IT'S TIME.
?

YES ?!
TA-WARA!
BAFF
07

PLEASE LET ME!

I WANT TO PLAY THE LEAD IN I WANT TO DIE.

YOU WROTE THE MUSICAL, MAMURA-KUN, SO I THINK YOU SHOULD GET TO PLAY THE LEAD.

PLEASE DON'T BOW LIKE THAT.

P-

BESIDES, I'VE NEVER DONE ANYONE ANY GOOD BY ASSOCIATING WITH THEM. EVERY TIME I'VE WATCHED THE OLYMPICS OR SOME SORT OF SPORTS GAME, THE TEAM I'VE ROOTED FOR HAS LOST. HELL, NOT TOO LONG AGO WE LOST THAT PRACTICE GAME I CHEERED FOR OUR TEAM AT.

I KNOW I SUCK AT SINGING AND DANCING. I DON'T HAVE THE TALENT OR EXPERIENCE A CHILD ACTOR LIKE YOU DOES, TAWARA-KUN.

SO I'LL JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND SAY IT!

I WANT TO DIE THE MUS AGAIN!

I WANT TO GIVE THIS MUSICAL A SHOT!

BUT STILL,

I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP!

YOU GUYS!

DON'T LET ME FALL APART!

...

SIGH...

BUT EVEN IF I DO, PLEASE KNOW, DEEP DOWN, I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP!

I MIGHT SAY I QUIT OR RUN AWAY.

I MIGHT GET ANX-IOUS AGAIN.

NOW LET'S MAKE I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL A SUCCESS!

YOU WANT OUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, NOW? WHEN DID YOU GET SO NEEDY?

IF YOU FALL APART, YOU CAN JUST PULL YOURSELF BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.

ARE YOU READY FOR US TO CHASE YOU TO THE GATES OF HELL?

YOU CAN TRY TO QUIT ALL YOU WANT, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU GIVE UP.

IMAMURA, EVEN IF YOU DO FALL APART,

WE'RE USED TO IT BY NOW.

THEN IT'S TIME TO PLAN OUR UNAUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE OF I WANT TO DIE!

ALL RIGHT!

OSU!

YOU SUSTAINED THAT NOTE BRILL-IANTLY, TAWARA-KUN.

YES! YES!

I Want to Live

11° CLAP 4

11° CLAP 4

11° CLAP 4

I WANT TO LIVE IS GOING TO BE A MASTER-PIECE!

I Want to Live

THE BACKSTAGE WORKERS ARE JUST AS MUCH A PART OF THE CAST AS ANYONE ELSE.

I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING LAZY JUST BECAUSE YOU LOST THE LEADING ROLE.

YOU'RE SLACKING ON SHIFTING THE LIGHTING.

HEY, IWA-MURA.

I Want to Live

YES, SIR.

UH, IMAMURA-KUN? WHY AM I LEARNING HOW TO DO THE LIGHTING FOR YOUR MUSICAL? AREN'T YOU GOING TO DO IT?

SCRITCH

SCRITCH

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE TOMORROW WHEN WE PERFORM I WANT TO DIE FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

HEH HEH HEH

TOUCHY-SAWA, YOU BAS-TARD.

BUT FOR THE REAL THING, I'LL PLAY THE LEAD.

WE'RE PRETENDING TO DO I WANT TO LIVE FOR TODAY'S ON-STAGE REHEARSAL IN THE GYMNASIUM.

I HOPE YOU SUFFER!

THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO TAKE AWAY CONTROL OF OUR PLAY, TOUCHY-SAWA.

SHOW ME YOUR HUNGER FOR LIFE!

YOU NEED TO MAKE THE AUDIENCE *FEEL* HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO LIVE.

COME ON, YOU GUYS. TAWARA-KUN'S THE ONLY ONE PUTTING HIS HEART INTO IT.

I WANT TO L-IIIIVE!

welcome

AHHH

I THOUGHT THEY CHANGED IT TO *I WANT TO LIVE*, THOUGH.

IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY WERE SAYING, "I WANT TO DIE"?

THAT SINGING COMING FROM THE DRAMA CLUB ROOM JUST NOW.

HUH?

REALLY?

I WANT TO DIIIE!

BOONG...

I Want to Live

IF YOU GET ALL CAUGHT UP IN THE LITTLE STUFF, YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING THROUGH TO THE AUDIENCE.

YOU CAN BARELY PROJECT AS IT IS, SO DON'T TRY TO SING LIKE A BADASS.

YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE STANDING IN THE RIGHT SPOT.

IMAMURA-KUN, YOU'RE FALLING BEHIND.

I GEN-UINELY WANT TO DIE.

I WANT TO DIE.

PANT PANT

WHEEZE

SOME SORT OF RESPONSE WOULD BE NICE.

...

IT'S IMA-MURA'S "I WANT TO DIE" TIME AGAIN.

I'M SO TIRED!

OKAAAY!

WE'LL TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK AND GET BACK TO WORK.

AGAIN?

YEAH, YEAH, THERE YOU GO. YOU'RE DEAD.

I'M DYING. I'M DYING!

THWUNK

I Won't

WE'VE GOT THIS, IMAMURA-KUN.

OH.

I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE EAGER TO SEE I WANT TO DIE, SO LET'S GIVE THEM A SHOW.

I W
to

Musical

I THINK I CAN SEE IT, JUST BARELY.

A GLIMPSE...

...OF SOMEWHERE I BELONG.

CHATTER

AH HA HA HA HA

CHATTER

OPEN FOR

CHATTER

ZOOO!

EEEEEK!

HEY!

HUUUUUSH

WHERE IS HIROSAWA? DIDN'T HE SAY HE'D STOP BY EARLY IN THE MORNING TO SEE HOW WE'RE DOING?

CALM DOWN, HANA-TAKA-SAN!

DAZE

DAZE

DAZE

DAZE

LET'S SQUEEZE IN ONE MORE RUN-THROUGH.

I Want to Live

IT'S STILL NOT COMING TOGETHER RIGHT, AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO FIX.

WEEEE
WOOO
WEEE
WOOO
DID SOMEONE COLLAPSE?
HUH?
AN AMBU-LANCE?
SO SLEEPY I COULD DIE.
TWEEE!
YAWN...
I'M SO SLEEPY.

BAD NEWS, YOU GUYS!
WHAM
CLAT
CLAT
CLAT
CLAT
EVERY-BODY GET UP. WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE-

HIROSAWA-SENSEI HAS COLLAPSED!

LINH...

PLEASE...

LET EVERY-ONE IN THE DRAMA CLUB KNOW...

"I'M ENTRUSTING I WANT TO LIVE TO THEM."

...WAS THE LAST THING HE SAID.

95. DEAD OR ALIVE

IT LOOKS PRETTY BAD.

HIRO-SAWA SEN-SEI!

SEN-SEI!

HANG IN THERE!!

NO! IT'S HIRO-SAWA-SENSEI!

WHAT HAP-PENED?

MOM, LOOK! AN AMBU-LANCE!

CHATTER

CHATTER

WHO'S HURT?

ROLL ROLL ROLL

AMBU-LANCE COMING THROUGH.

OUT OF THE WAY!

WEEE!

WOOO!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

I DON'T KNOW. HE JUST COLLAPSED OUT OF NOWHERE.

HIRO-SAWA-SEN-SEI?!

APPARENTLY, HIROSAWA-SENSEI HAS A HEART CONDITION.

HE'S COLLAPSED ONCE BEFORE AT A PREVIOUS SCHOOL HE WORKED AT.

HE SAID HE WOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS HE AVOIDED ANY STRENUOUS EXERTION, BUT I GUESS THAT WASN'T ENOUGH.

DOES THAT MEAN ...

... HIRO-SAWA'S GONNA DIE?

WAIT ...

FLINCH!!!

DON'T BRING UP DEATH SO CASUAL-LY!

O-OKAY...

I Want to Live

DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. I'M SURE HIROSAWA-SENSE! WILL BE FINE!

I'M SURE YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY SHAKEN UP, TOO, GIVEN THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO PERFORM, AND ALL.

OOF, I'M SORRY I RAISED MY VOICE.

LISTEN, YOU GUYS.

I'LL BE BACK IN TIME FOR YOUR SHOW, SO JUST KEEP GETTING READY.

I'M GOING TO CHECK ON HIM AT THE HOSPITAL.

...

MAKE HIROSAWA-SENSEI PROUD.

KABOSU CITY FIRE DEPT.

WEEE!

GIVE EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.

I WANT TO LIVE

WOO!

WEEE!

WOO!

THINGS COULD GET UGLY IF WE GO THROUGH WITH *I WANT TO DIE* UNDER HIROSAWA'S NOSE NOW.

I Want to Live

UNH...

I Want to Live

AGH...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, HANA-TAKA-SAN?

I Want to Live

IF WE PERFORM *I WANT TO DIE*,

WHAT WILL PEOPLE SAY?

O-OH MY GOD...

I WANT TO DIIIE!

WHETHER HIRO-SAWA'S COL-LAPSED OR NOT!

HIRO-KUN, YOU ASS ...

HOW VERY ...

I Want to Live

WOW!!

IN-APPRO-PRIATE!

I MEAN, HE GOT TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL! WHAT IF HE DID DIE? OUR MUSICAL WOULD LOOK TERRIBLE.

PEOPLE WOULD JUST THINK WE WERE MAKING FUN OF HIM!

YOU WANT US TO GO OUT THERE AND SING ABOUT WANTING TO DIE WHEN HIROSAWA COULD BE DYING FOR REAL?

I NEVER EVEN CON-SIDERED THAT.

DAMN.

HE COULD DIE.

I HEARD HIROSAWA-SENSEI GOT REALLY ILL AND PASSED OUT.

WHAT WAS WITH THAT AMBU-LANCE?

WHOA.

CHATTER

I HEARD A RUMOR THEY WERE REHEARSING *I WANT TO DIE.*

AFTER THE BRASS-AND-WIND BAND IS DONE, I THINK.

WHEN DOES *I WANT TO LIVE: THE MUSICAL* START?

CHATTER

NO WAY!

FOR REAL?

SO THEY REALLY AREN'T GONNA DO *I WANT TO DIE*, HUH?

SEEMS PRETTY DISRE-SPECTFUL TO DO A MUSICAL AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

I MEAN, THE DRAMA CLUB'S SPONSOR IS LITERALLY *DYING.*

BUT,

WHO IS IT THAT NEEDS OUR SUPPORT MOST OF ALL RIGHT NOW?

ORIG-IN-ALLY,

IMAMURA AND HANATAKA-SAN MADE THIS PLAY TO CHEER THEMSELVES UP.

I Want

ONE, TWO, THREE!

OKAY, EVERYBODY SAY IT ON THE COUNT OF THREE.

I Want

...WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, WE PRESENT A PLAY BY THE DRAMA CLUB AND THE OUENDAN.

NOW...

CHATTER

CHATTER

WHOA. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE.

SHUMP

I NEVER COULD'VE MADE THIS MUSICAL ON MY OWN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU'VE OFFERED ME.

YOU GUYS ...

LET'S ENJOY OURSELVES TO THE VERY END. NO REGRETS!

OSU!

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW. LET'S GO!

UHH ...

UMM ...

OH, YEAH. YOU HAVE A POINT. SORRY.

I'M NOT SURE IF WE SHOULD BE ENJOYING OURSELVES WITH HIROSAWA-SENSEI IN THE HOSPITAL.

SHWIF...

I SING THIS SONG WHEN I DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN LIFE.

FWISH

BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. I JUST ALWAYS FEEL LIKE LIFE ISN'T WORTH THE PAIN.

TMP

TMP

TMP

DOES THAT MAKE YOU THINK I'M GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES? SORRY, I'M REALLY NOT.

LIFE IS A POINT-LESS WASTE OF TIME. YOU HEAR ME SAY THAT A LOT.

TMP

TMP

I Want to Live
The Musical

TMP

TMP

TMP

OH YEAH! LET'S LIVE!

BUT I STILL WANT TO LIIIVE!

TUMP

WOO

I THOUGHT I WANT TO LIVE WAS GOING TO BE SUCH A SHITTY MUSICAL.

I WAS SO SCARED OF THAT HAPPENING, BUT NOW IT'S A RELIEF.

BUT NOW THAT I'M LOOKING AT IT MORE OBJECTIVELY, IT TURNED OUT BETTER THAN I EXPECTED. IT HELPS THAT TAWARA-KUN IS AN AMAZING SINGER.

OOOO

I KNEW IT.

THINGS ARE GOING BETTER WITHOUT ME.

I WANT TO LIIIVE!

1-CLAP

HEY, IMA-MURA-KUN!

AND I HATED HIROSAWA SO MUCH, BUT NOW, I HONESTLY HOPE HE LIVES.

CLAP

YEAH.

IT JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU.

I GOT THE VIDEO.

LET'S SHOW IT TO HIROSAWA-SENSEI WHEN HE'S FEELING BETTER.

I WASN'T CUT OUT TO BE THE MAIN CHARACTER, ANYWAY.

WOW

I HAD TO LEARN THE HARD WAY.

BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY,

I'M GLAD THINGS TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY DID.

?!

HUH?

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

I SAW THE WHOLE THING.

LOOKS LIKE *I WANT TO LIVE* WAS QUITE THE SUCCESS.

WHY, IF IT ISN'T IMA-MURA-KUN.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR HEART CONDITION?

TEE-HEE!

I WAS JUST REALLY HUNGOVER SO THEY GAVE ME AN I.V., AND I FELT AS GOOD AS NEW!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PANT

PANT

HIRO-SAWA ...?

PANT

YOU WEREN'T DYING?

PANT

YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, WEREN'T YOU? ♥

POKE

POKE

POKE

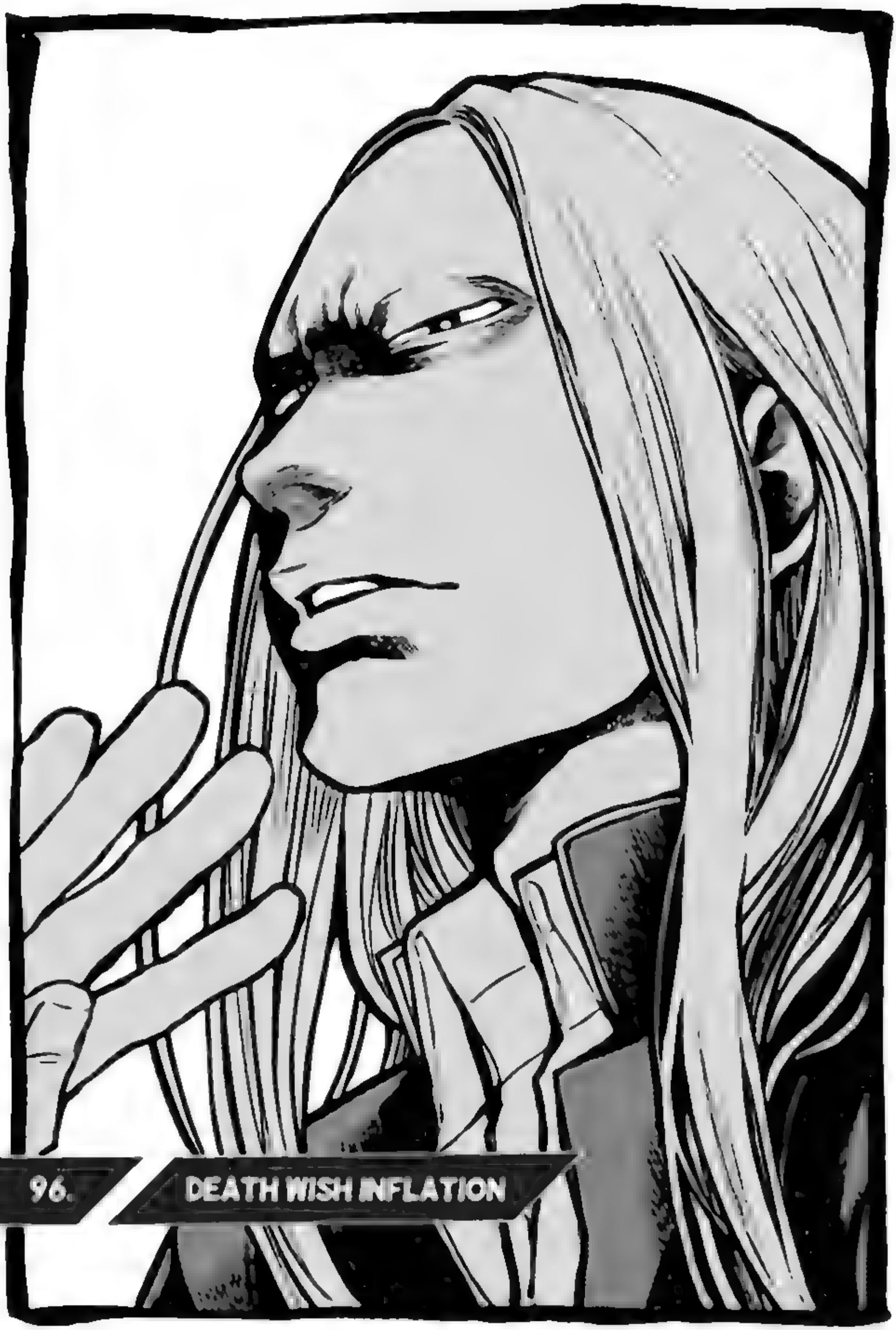
SORRY, IMA-MURA.

HA HA HA HA HA

OH, THAT ISN'T AN ISSUE.

THANK GOOD-NESS YOU'RE ALIVE ...

TH-


96.
DEATH WISH INFLATION

WE SHOULD PERFORM IT FOR THE UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL, TOO.

AREN'T YOU GLAD WE WENT WITH *I WANT TO LIVE?*

WE'LL HAVE TO WELCOME TAWARA-KUN INTO THE DRAMA CLUB AS THE LEAD.

OF COURSE, WE WON'T BE LEANING ON THE OUENDAN AFTER THIS.

I'M GLAD HE'S ALIVE

SIGH

OW!

SMACK

GRRR

ANYWAY, GOOD WORK TODAY! NOW YOU BETTER GO CLEAN UP.

HELP US OUT AGAIN SOME-TIME, OKAY?

I WANT TO LIVE, HUH?

I SAW YOUR PLAY.

WHAT THE ...?

ABE-TAMA ?

NO! WE MAY HAVE USED YOU AS A REFERENCE, BUT SHE WASN'T BASED ON YOU. SHE'S ENTIRELY FICTIONAL. COME ON!

YOU BASED HER ON ME, DIDN'T YOU?

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAD HER SING ABOUT HOW SHE'S THE QUEEN AND THE OTHER GIRL'S UGLY!

I AM! WHAT WAS THE BIG IDEA WITH THAT CHEERLEADER BULLY CHARACTER, HUH?

YOU'RE JUST UGLY!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE HERE TO COMPLAIN?

GOD!

Y'KNOW, I'D HEARD YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PLAY THE MAIN CHARACTER, BUT I GUESS YOU DIDN'T HAVE IT IN YOU.

AT LEAST *I WANT TO DIE* PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN FUN TO WATCH.

HEY, IMA-MURA!

YOU COULDN'T DO *I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL*, AFTER ALL, HUH?

CHATTER

HEY, IS IT TRUE SOME-BODY COM-PLAINED ?

CHATTER

I Want to Live

IT'S NOT LIKE I...

GOD ...

TRY CONSIDER-ING THE POSITION WE WERE IN.

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THERE HE IS.
OH!
I SAW YOUR VIDEOS!
SHAKE MY HAND!
THAT SUCKS.
SO YOU'RE NEVER DOING *I WANT TO DIE*, THEN?
I DON'T KNOW YOU PEOPLE. WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
WHAT THE HELL?
WH-
I WANT TO LIVE: THE MUSICAL WAS A G-GARBAGE FIRE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?
I-I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE SOLD OUT LIKE-
CREEPS!
I Want to Live -DASH!!
YEAH?
EX-CUSE ME!
EX-
SORRY, EXCUSE ME.

MAYBE YOU EXPECTED TOO MUCH FROM A MUSICAL CALLED I WANT TO DIE!

WHO ASKED YOU?!

WHAT A JERK.

WE JUST WANTED TO SEE HIS SHOW.

...

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

DASH

I Want to Live

HUH ?

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? WE'RE NOT DONE CLEANING UP YET!

IMAMURA-KUN RAN OFF?

I THINK ...

IT WAS PROB-ABLY ...

I'LL FIND HIM.

Re:

Search

Die the Musical

I went to Kaibosu Minami's school festival but they never did I Want to Die the Musical

festival! the drama club

IT'S HIM!

HEY!

DUM

DUM

DUM

DUM

I Want to Die the Musical

Kanan Amano

DRAG KING

AH HA HA HA

HE'S A SELF-DECLARED "AWKWARD GUY," HUH?

CHATTER...

CHATTER..

OOF...

THIS MUST BE THAT GUY.

@chaos_b

I tried to talk to that blond

guy from I want to die: th

but he yelled at me (# °Д

die (°Д°) feh!

@chaos

I wanted to sing

along like, "I wa

to diiie!" *\(^o^)

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.

ACTU-ALLY,

HE SORT OF REMINDS ME OF MYSELF.

I NEVER THOUGHT SOMETHING I MADE COULD REACH SO MANY PEOPLE.

SU-SUZUKI...

HERE YOU ARE! I SAW YOUR MUSICAL.

IT WAS GREAT!

I'd actually never seen a musical before.

HEY, IMA-MURA!

FLINCH

I Won't

BUT I WISH YOU HAD BEEN IN IT, MAN.

YOU SHOULD'VE HAD A PART.

AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WROTE THE STORY?

IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T WANT TO.

I KNOW.

DUM DUM DUM DUM DUM DUM

GRAB

WOO

WAAAAAGH!

I WANT TO DIII—

I Want To Live

WOOSH

FWIIIP

DON'T DIE YET!

THWUNK

GLOMP

YOU THINK I'M THE TYPE TO KILL MYSELF ?!

IT'S TOO SOON FOR ME TO DIE!

BUT IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU WERE ACTING LIKE YOU WERE ABOUT TO JUMP!

SORRY,

WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!

AMA CLUB

WE WANT THE SAME THING YOU DO, IMAMURA.

I KNOW.

YEAH.

I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

LET'S PERFORM *I WANT TO DIE* RIGHT HERE.

HUH?

IT WOULD ONLY BE A REHEARSAL.

WE AREN'T ALLOWED TO PUT ON ANY PUBLIC PERFORMANCES WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

WHAT?

WE NEED TO GET IT OUT OF OUR SYSTEMS.

UH...

WELL...

GRIND GRIND

IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS WE DON'T HAVE AN AUDIENCE, RIGHT?

WHO IS THERE TO COMPLAIN, AFTER ALL?

JUST THIS ONCE,

LET US DO IT.

CHATTER CHATTER

WHAT'S THIS?

@TAKA_Des
we're about to str
rehearsal of I Wa
ustre.am/IAJifa
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ISN'T THIS THE ACCOUNT OF A DRAMA CLUB MEMBER?

WE WANT YOU TO SEE IT AS WE ORIGINALLY INTENDED IT.

RIGHT, IMA-MURA-KUN?

IF WE'RE PUTTING ON A SHOW ...

?!

HEH HEH HEH...

...LET'S MAKE IT ONE TO REMEMBER.

Y-YEAH!

PLEASE.

IMAMURA-KUN AND THE REST OF US WORKED SO HARD ON THIS MUSICAL.

DA DUM

DUM

DA DUM

DUM

DUM

DUM

DUM

DA DA DA DUM

DRAMA CLUB

WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE ON STAGE, SO DON'T GET NERVOUS, IMAMURA.

IT'S TIME, IMAMURA-KUN.

ARE YOU READY?

I FEEL GREAT.

OH YEAH.

HEY.

NO ONE'S WATCHING ANYWAY.

NO

BING

O

BING

O

BING

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BING

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in Kabosu Minami's west building! I want to diiie!
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Again!!

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97.
THE EMPTY EVERYDAY

CHATTER

CHATTER

PANT

PANT

ARE THEY DOING I WANT TO DIE· THE MUSICAL?

WHAT ?

THERE IT IS!

TUP

TUP

TUP

THE WEST BUILD-ING.

I'VE GOTTA GET TO THE DRAMA CLUB.

THE MUSICAL
AGAIN!!
KOIKAN DRAMA
LOG
KAMAN OUENDAN

I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE WOULDN'T HAVE AN AUDIENCE!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?!

HEY!

WOW!

CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME BACK THERE?!

HEY, ARE YOU GONNA START SOON?

I'M SUPPOSED TO PERFORM WITH THE CHEER SQUAD AFTER THIS, SO I KIND OF WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WHY DO I HAVE TO RECORD THE VIDEO AGAIN?

WE GET TO SEE I WANT TO DIE. EXCITING, HUH?

GOOD.

ALL RIGHT

WE'RE STREAMING NOW.

THAT MUST BE THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

THE MUSIC WAS LIVE, HUH?

OH YEAH.

SLIDE

A TAIKO DRUM AND A PIANO, THAT'S SOME ORCHES-TRA.

YEAH.

SLIDE

THUNK

FLINCH
ビクッ

SHUMP

WHAM

HUUUUSH

I-I SING THIS SONG WHEN I DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN LIFE.

GAH! I'M ALREADY STUTTERING!

LIFE IS A POINT-LESS WASTE OF TIME. YOU HEAR ME SAY THAT A LOT...

IT'S NOT LIKE SOME-ONE KICKED ME-

AGH!

AND NOW I MESSED UP THE LYRICS!

ACHOO

YOU GUYS KNOW ME!

HOW CAN YOU LOOK AT ME WITH SUCH COLD EYES?

DAAA!

DA-DUM

DUM

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE SAID THEY WANT ME GONE. I JUST CAN'T STAND FEELING THIS WAY, EVEN IF IT'S ALL IN MY BRAIN.

I CAN PICK IT BACK UP FROM HERE.

DA-DUM

'CAUSE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THEIR HAPPY LITTLE LIVES, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A PLACE.

IT'S OKAY.

WOBBLE

PLOP

WHOA!

CLATTER

HUUUSH...

WAAGH! THAT JUMP WAS SO WEAK.

AGH!

YOU THINK I'LL GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT? NO I WON'T!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE, "YOU THINK I'LL DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT? HELL NO!"

LEAP!

CLATTER

THERE IT IS!

AL-READY!

THE FIRST "I WANT TO DIE"!

HUH?

UH-OH, HE WASN'T SAYING THAT IN CHAR-ACTER.

ZSH

THREE YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.

NO FRIENDS, NO BAD DECISIONS, JUST AN EMPTY ROUTINE.

ZSH

ZSH

ZSH

DID YOU REALLY GET EVERYTHING YOU WANTED OUT OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER?

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

I WANT TO DIE.

IF YOU COULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFER-ENTLY?

I'D FORGET ABOUT GIRLS AND SCHOOLWORK AND DO WHATEVER THE HELL I WANTED!

I'D KISS MY BOY-FRIEND.

I'D STUDY HARDER.

I'D DATE A GIRL.

THREE YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND NOTHING ACCOM-PLISHED.

BUT, WE DIDN'T.

IF GOD IN HEAVEN OFFERED US A SECOND CHANCE, WE'D BEG TO TASTE HELL'S FLAME!

DUM

DUM

DUM

IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE TRIED AGAIN. IT WOULD ALL JUST BE THE SAME.

WE'LL TAKE A PASS.

DA DUM

WE DON'T WANT A DO-OVER!

WHY GO ON LIVING?

IMP

IT'S JUST A PAIN IN THE ASS!

OH YEAH!

TAKKA TAK TAK TAK

DA DUM

WE WANT TO DIIIE!

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!

GRRR

I KNEW IT. THIS IS NOTHING LIKE *I WANT TO LIVE: THE MUSICAL* WAS.

THIS IS SO RELAT-ABLE!

WOOOOOO

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

YEAH, I WANT TO DIE! WOO-HOO!

WOOOW!

PANT PANT

HUH?

HEY.

I HEARD SINGING JUST NOW. ARE THEY PERFORMING *I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL* HERE?

AHHHH

THEY'RE... *INTO IT?*

GLANCE

GLANCE

ONLY ONE THING I KNOW!

I WANT TO DIIIE!

YES.

Y-

THE INTER-NET IS AMA-ZING!

WOW, THAT'S GREAT!

OH!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT ONLINE?

UH?

OH!

PUSH

ANYWAY, THEY ARE, SO PLEASE GO WATCH.

PUSH

LEAP!

WOOHOOOOO

YAAY!

I WANT TO DIIIE!

Wooooo

Who's that?

I WANT TO HEAR THEM SING "I WANT TO DIE"!
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM OVER HERE!

98. HAPPY SCARY

AN UGLY GIRL LIKE YOU ISN'T ALLOWED TO LOVE, DON'T YOU KNOW?

I'M THE QUEEN!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

U-UNH... OF COURSE I KNOW.

LEAVE IT TO THE OUENDAN TO HELP HER GROW!

HEY, CHEER-LEADER! LET HER GO!

THIS IS TAKA, DESTINED TO BE A STAR THREE YEARS FROM NOW!

FWOOSH

FWISH

I LIKE OH! THIS PART.

WOOOOO

A QUEEN AT SCHOOL AND NOWHERE ELSE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

HAH!

I'M THE QUEEN!

WHEN US NEGATIVE PEOPLE SAY, "I WANT TO DIE," IT MEANS WE'RE BEING HONEST WITH OURSELVES IN OUR OWN NEGATIVE WAY.

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YOUR TIME IN HIGH SCHOOL MAY MAKE YOU WANT TO DIE, BUT WHEN IT'S DONE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FLY.

YEAH.

THIS LINE WASN'T IN *I WANT TO LIVE.*

DUM

DADUM

I WANT TO DIE!

I WANT TO DIE!

I WANT TO DIE!

DUM DUM DUM

I WANT TO DIE!

DUM DUM DUM DUM

I WANT TO DIE!

MUSCLE TRAINING FOR THE MIND!

I WANT TO DIIIE!

DO YOU GUYS WANT TO DIE?!

IT'S TIME FOR THE "I WANT TO DIE" CHEER!

WOO

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

YOU HAVE TO LIVE!

YOU FOOLS!

DON'T LET YOUR PRESENT BECOME A PAST YOU'LL REGRET!

DO IT OVER AGAIN ?

DO SOME-THING YOUR FUTURE SELF WOULD NEVER EXPECT!

DO IT OVER AGAIN ?

HERE IT IS, YOUR ONLY CHANCE ...

...TO DO IT OVER AGAIN!

WOOOO

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP

THEY'RE CHEERING ABOUT SOMETHING AGAIN!

WHOA!

THEY'RE ONLY LETTING SO MANY PEOPLE IN. GOD, IT'S LIKE SOME NIGHTCLUB!

WHY WON'T THEY LET US IN?

THEY'RE ALL COMPLAINING!

WE'RE GETTING TOO MANY VIEWS!

AGH!

THE STREAM KEEPS CRASHING!

THEY'RE SO EXCITED! I'M JEALOUS!

I CAN'T SEE.

HUH, WHAT IS IT?

DUM DA DUM

DUM

DUM

DA DUM

DUM

THEN MORE PEOPLE COULD SEE...

I WISH WE COULD DO THIS FOR A BIGGER AUDIENCE.

...I WANT TO DIE: THE MUSICAL.

I'M WAY PAST THAT. NOW, I'M JUST DYING.

NAH ...

ARE YOU NER-VOUS?

OH.

WHOA!

WHOA!

I'M AN ASS-HOLE!

BUT WATCH OUT!

YEAH, I HAD NO IDEA SO MANY PEOPLE WOULD COME.

I MAY BE HAND-SOME!

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D DRAW SUCH A CROWD.

WOW.

DUM

DA DUM

...KINDA FREAKING OUT, I GUESS.

I'M JUST ...

I DUNNO ...

I'M ...

NO.

DUM

HUH?

ARE YOU NER-VOUS?!

I...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.

DUM

DA DUM

DUM

IS THIS ALL RIGHT?

IT'S SCARY.

I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN.

I DON'T WANT TO DIE AT ALL RIGHT NOW.

AN ASSHOLE! AND A HOTTIE!

THAT'S ME!

AHHHH!

DUM

I'VE BEEN RUNNING ON ADRENALINE THIS WHOLE TIME.

I THINK,

BEFORE THE DO-OVER, I NEVER COULD'VE SEEN MYSELF PLAYING THE LEADING ROLE IN A MUSICAL.

DUM DA DUM

DUM

DUM DA DUM

I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM.

IT'S NOT LIKE *I'M* ALL THAT SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO DIE, EITHER.

MY LIFE HAS DONE A ONE-EIGHTY.

EVER SINCE YOU SHOWED UP, IMAMURA-KUN,

THAT WOULD BE NICE, HUH?

OH YEAH?

THIS MUSICAL IS A WORK OF NON-FICTION! *BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA!*

TWIRL

OH!

YEAH, UHHH, I ACTUALLY *AM* DOING THINGS OVER, BY THE WAY!

THE WAY THINGS WERE GOING, THE DRAMA CLUB WAS GOING TO FALL APART.

PFFT

YEAH ... THAT'S A JOKE.

AND I TOLD A BOY I LIKED HIM WHILE DOING A NAKED HAND-STAND.

I MEAN, I MADE A MUSICAL WITH THE OUENDAN!

IF I MET MYSELF FROM BEFORE WE "DID THINGS OVER," SHE'D PROBABLY BE SHOCKED.

TH-THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRES-SIVE.

"DO SOMETHING YOUR FUTURE SELF WOULD NEVER EXPECT!" IT REALLY RESONATED WITH ME.

THAT LINE YOU SANG EARLIER,

DUM

TAKKA

TAK

TAK

DA-DUM

F-RUM

THUMP

IT'S BETTER THAN GOING THROUGH LIFE NUMB TO ANYTHING THAT COULD MOVE YOU.

NOTHING WRONG WITH MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, THOUGH.

WAY, WAY BETTER.

EVERY LITTLE THING YOU EVER REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE TO DO BEFORE...

...THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR DOING THEM ALL!

SO IT'S ON, NAU-MURA!

POINT!!

HUUUUSH

SLIDE

NAU-
MURA!

DAMN IT!

I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!

WHOA.

I CAN'T REMAIN IN THIS WORLD!

DUM

DA DUM

DUM

BUT I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS GOING TO MIRROR REALITY LIKE THIS.

WOOOO...

I DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF THIS LINE WHEN I WROTE IT.

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This is the AFTERWORD!

When I was in my high school's drama club, we sometimes got help from the ouendan because we didn't have enough people of our own. They did voice-only parts they could play from backstage, and their deep, resonating voices made them very reliable.

Back then, I never had a boyfriend or anything, but in a way, I guess you could say my life was very fulfilling since I got the chance to make something together with people so different from myself.

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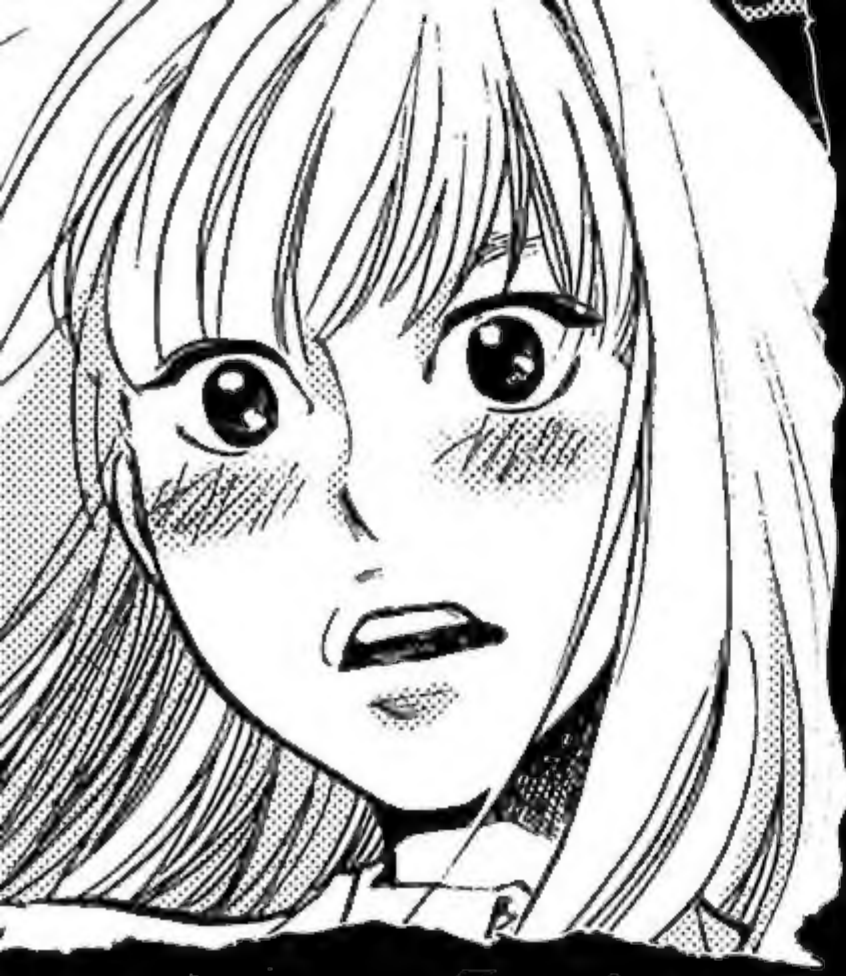

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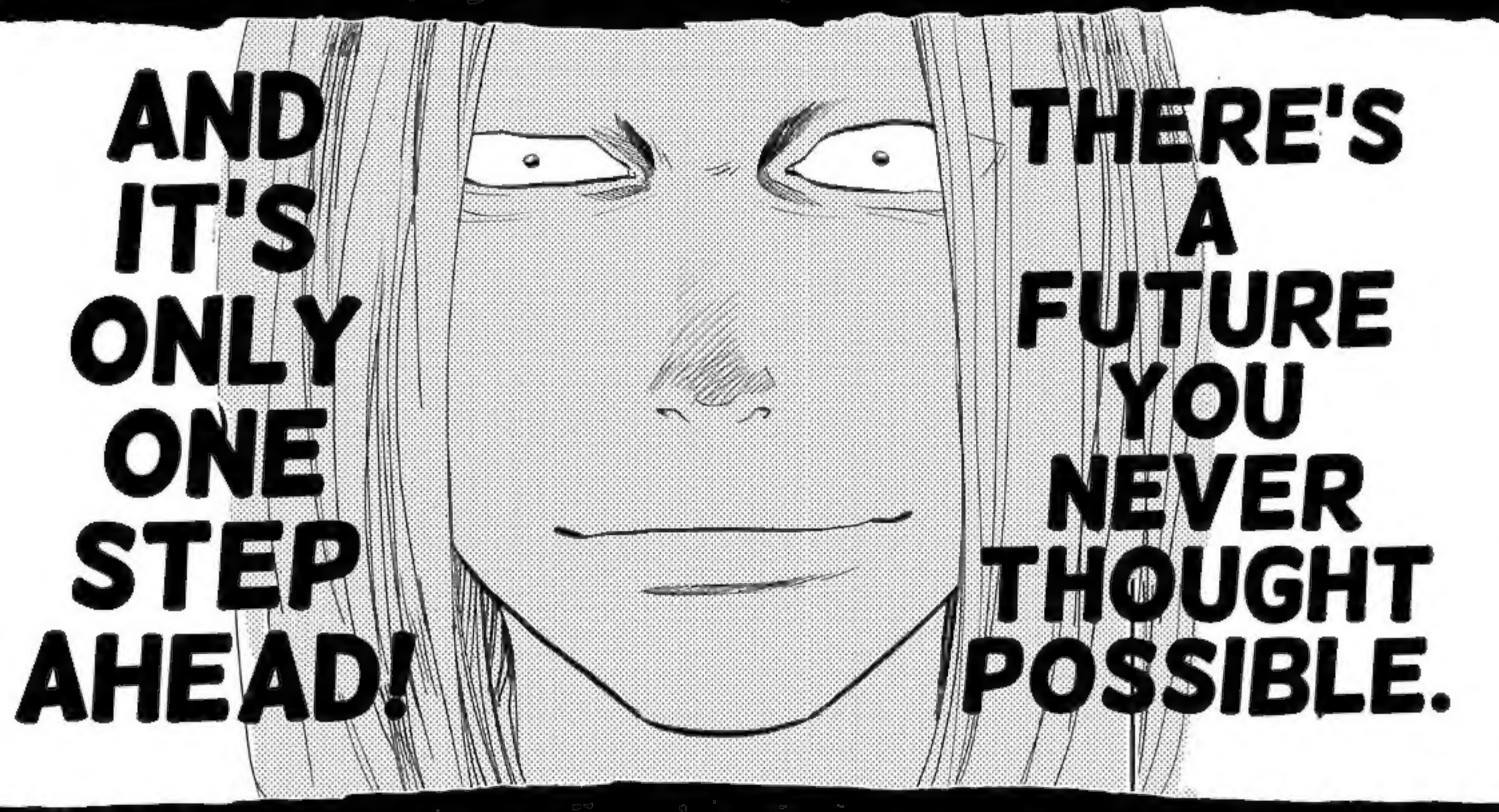

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